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Mary Alice Dewees, an employee of the Hartford HealthCare donates blood. Her type, O-negative can be donated to anyone, which is why it is so valuable to blood banks. **PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Push being made for Black blood donors

Hartford brewery cites need, plans event

By Ed Stannard
Hartford Courant

eanna Jarosz, events coordinator for Hog River Brewing, isn't content to serve beer out of the small taproom tucked in the rear of 1429 Park St. in Hartford.

She wants "Hartford's Living Room" to be a catalyst to help bring more Black people, as well as those of other ethnic groups, to donate much-needed blood.

"We have this space and this platform where people in the community are coming over and over again," Jarosz said. "Why not bring it up in the space and let them spread it that way?"

So while she pours a Parkville Lager, a Thingalingaling Sour or an Ask Your Mother Double IPA, Jarosz is thinking of ways to make Hog River a social force in the city.

She plans her Soulful Sundays at the brewery from 2 to 5 p.m. starting Oct. 23 and running until April, featuring six to 10 women and Black vendors, and her plan is to hold a blood drive in November, to encourage Black people, who historically do not give blood in large numbers, to donate. She wants vendors who will draw people in, as a way to spread

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On Wednesday, Hartford Hospital seeks people to volunteer to donate blood at a drive on Hudson Street.

"(The COVID-19 pandemic) deterred many donors from giving, and the cancellation of drives at educational institutions and businesses, where most of these donors give, has caused the number of Black individuals who give blood to drop by about half."

- Jocelyn Hillard, spokeswoman for the American Red Cross' Connecticut and Rhode Island Region

FREE BATTERY RECYCLING

Small businesses and nonprofits in Connecticut may borrow between \$5,000 and \$500,000 in low-interest loans provided by a public-private partnership announced Monday. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Partnership to invest \$75M in CT nonprofits

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

Small businesses and nonprofits in Connecticut may borrow between \$5,000 and \$500,000 in low-interest loans provided by a public-private partnership announced

Monday by Gov. Ned Lamont. The Connecticut Small Business Boost Fund is intended to

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Pilot in drug smuggling extradited to Hartford

Man alleged to have tried to fly 2 tons of cocaine into US

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

A pilot for a Connecticut-based gang of drug traffickers who was captured after trying to smuggle nearly two tons of cocaine into the U.S. was extradited to Hartford Monday where authorities are asking that he be held without bond while awaiting trial, federal prosecutors said.

Federal authorities said Mexican pilot Ronier Sanchez Alonzo, 46, was helping to fly the drugs from South America to Honduras for a drug trafficking organization based in Wolcott in 2016 when the heavy loaded private jet, registered

in Connecticut, ran low on fuel and was forced down about 25 miles short of an airport it was trying to reach in Honduras.

The crew had planned to load the drugs onto a truck in Honduras, where they would be driven by truck though Mexico and into the U.S. for distribution in Connecticut and elsewhere, the authorities said.

"Following the emergency landing in an unanticipated location, Venezuelan authorities were alerted to the plane's arrival and responded with an open-fire order on the grounded aircraft plane, ensuring that it could not take off again," prosecutors said in papers filed in U.S. District Court Monday. "The crew, to include Sanchez, managed to run and hide in a nearby tree line until they were ultimately

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Pope 'deeply' sorry for policy

Apology for role of Canada's churches in forced assimilation

By Nicole Winfield and Peter Smith Associated Press

MASKWACIS, Alberta — Pope Francis issued a historic apology Monday for the Catholic Church's cooperation with Canada's "catastrophic" policy of Indigenous residential schools, saying the forced assimilation of Native peoples into Christian society destroyed their cultures, severed families and marginalized generations in ways still being felt today.

"I am deeply sorry," Francis said, to applause from school survivors and Indigenous community members gathered at a former residential school south of Edmonton, Alberta, the first event of Francis' weeklong "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada.

The morning after he arrived in the country, Francis traveled to the lands of four Cree nations to pray at a cemetery. Four chiefs then escorted the pontiff in his wheelchair to powwow ceremonial grounds where he delivered the long-sought apology and was given a feathered headdress.

"I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the Indigenous peoples," Francis said near the site of the former Ermineskin Indian Residential School, now largely torn down.

His words went beyond his earlier apology for the "deplorable" acts of missionaries and instead took responsibility for the church's institutional cooperation with the "catastrophic" assimilation policy, which Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission said amounted to a "cultural genocide."

More than 150,000 native children in Canada were forced to attend state-funded Christian schools from the 19th century until the 1970s in an effort to isolate them from the influence of their homes and culture. The aim was to Christianize and assimilate them into mainstream society, which previous Canadian governments considered superior.

The Canadian government has admitted that physical and sexual abuse was rampant at the schools, with students beaten for speaking their native languages. That legacy of that abuse and isolation from family has been cited by Indigenous leaders as a root cause of the epidemic rates of alcohol and drug addiction now on Canadian reservations.

The discoveries of hundreds of potential burial sites at former

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Pope Francis meets with Canadian Willie Littlechild, of the Ermineskin Cree Nation, as he wears a headdress presented to him by Indigenous leaders during a meeting in Maskwacis, western Canada, on Monday. VINCENZO PINTO/AFP

Church grudge thought to be behind assassination

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After '21 peak, illegal fireworks calls drop in Hartford

Police chief surmises some may have had less disposable income

By Ted Glanzer Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The spring and summer months may have brought high temperatures, but they did not also bring some of the nuisance crimes - namely illegal fireworks and popup parties — that Hartford saw a significant increase in during the height of the pandemic.

At last week's Hartford City Council's Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee meeting, Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody said the department has responded to far fewer calls this year concerning the lighting of illegal fireworks.

"We were holding our breath going into this year and going into July," Thody said in response to an inquiry about fireworks from Hartford City Councilor Josh Michtom. "Remember, last year we actually saw it in March. It was really early."

Thody said one reason for calmer night skies in the summer may be that people have less disposable income than last year after federal child tax credit payments stopped.

'I heard a lot of theories on that," Thody said. "I think people said people were using COVID money to go buy fireworks. That was a real thing we were hearing from people we were arresting for it."

Thody did not provide data to the committee during the meeting and the department's public information officer did not respond to an inquiry by The Courant.

However, Thody noted the department

had to dedicate fewer resources to tackle what had become a problem in 2020 and 2021, with many blaming the pandemic for keeping people cooped up inside as well as the cancellation of sanctioned fireworks events, which led some to have their own displays. The problem was so prevalent that the city had a dedicated firework reporting line (860-757-0000) and text-tip line (860-294-8233) to help combat the problem in the two previous years.

In 2020, city residents complained of fireworks sometimes going off as late as 1 a.m., requiring the police and fire departments to coordinate on how to respond to the issue.

Last year was more of the same, if not worse.

"Last year for a period of time we had two officers in every corner of the city — northeast, northwest, southeast southwest -

just responding to firework calls that were coming in on a special text line that we set up ... just to deal with fireworks," Thody said. "I did not see that this year. It's not the problem we had."

Michtom kicked off the conversation by telling Thody he had heard from fellow residents that fireworks were far less of an issue this year.

"This is just based on my own impression and hearing from constituents, I get the sense ... ongoing fireworks this summer as we move away from July 4 are not nearly as bad as they were last year or the year before," he said. "That's just my impression from what people tell me and also in my own neighborhood?

Fireworks also go beyond being a nuisance, officials say, as they can cause injuries or start fires if not properly handled.

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schools in the past year drew international attention to the legacy of the schools in Canada and their counterparts in the United States. The discoveries prompted Francis to com

ply with the truth commission's call for him to apologize on Canadian soil for the Catholic Church's role; Catholic religious orders operated 66 of the 139 schools in Canada.

Many in the crowd Monday wore traditional dress, including colorful ribbon skirts and vests with Native motifs. Others donned orange shirts, which have become a symbol of residential school survivors, recalling the story of one woman whose favorite orange shirt, a gift from her grandmother, was confiscated when she arrived at a school and replaced with a uniform

Despite the solemnity of the event, the atmosphere seemed at times joyful: Chiefs processed into the site venue to a hypnotic drumbeat, elders danced and the crowd cheered and chanted war songs, victory songs and finally a healing song.

One of the hosts of the event, Chief Randy Ermineskin of the Ermineskin Cree Nation, said some had chosen to stay away and that was understandable. But he said it was nevertheless a historic, important day for his people.

"My late family members are not here with us anymore, my parents went to residential school, I went to residential school," he told reporters as he waited for Francis to arrive. "I know they're with me, they're listening, they're watching."



MASKWACIS, AB - JULY 25: People react as Pope Francis issues an apology for the treatment of First Nations in Canada's Residential School system during his visit to Maskwacis, Canada on Monday. The Pope is touring Canada, meeting with Indigenous communities and community leaders in an effort to reconcile the harmful legacy of the church's role in Canada's residential schools. COLE BURSTON/GETTY IMAGES

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who last year voiced an apology for the "incredibly harmful government policy" in organizing the residential school system, also attended along with the governor general and other officials.

As part of a lawsuit settlement involving the government, churches and approximately 90,000 survivors, Canada paid reparations that amounted to billions of dollars being transferred to Indigenous communities.

Canada's Catholic Church says its dioceses and religious orders have provided more than \$50 million in cash and in-kind contributions and hope to add \$30 million more over the next five years.

While the pope acknowledged institutional blame, he also made clear that Catholic missionaries were merely cooperating with and implementing the government policy of assimilation, which he termed the "colonizing mentality of the powers."

He said the policy marginalized gener-



Pope Francis meets Indigenous people and members of the parish community of Sacred Heart in Edmonton, Canada, on Monday. **GREGORIO BORGIA/AP**

ations, suppressed Indigenous languages, severed families, led to physical, verbal, psychological and spiritual abuse and 'indelibly affected relationships between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren."

The first pope from the Americas was determined to make this trip, even though torn knee ligaments forced him to cancel a visit to Africa earlier this month.

The six-day visit will also include other former school sites in Alberta, Quebec City and Igaluit, Nunavut, in the far north.

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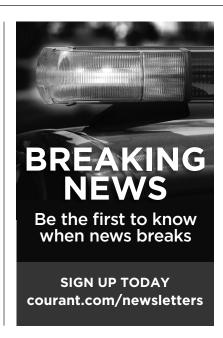
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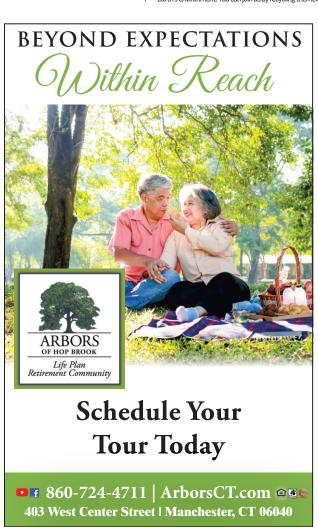
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Blood drive

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the word about blood donation.

"I feel like there's not enough common places in Hartford where everyone goes," Jarosz said.

She said she plans to give the blood to the Connecticut Blood Center because it supplies blood to Hartford Hospital, keeping it in the local community.

'Geanna had reached out to us ... with the idea of running a blood drive and it was impressive because she had some general knowledge that those with diverse backgrounds weren't donating at the same rate as those identified as white or Caucasian," said Jonathan DeCasanova, spokesman for the Connecticut Blood Center, which opened in October 2021 in the Middletown Plaza, 856 Washington St. It's operated by the Rhode Island Blood Center.

It's an important issue because, along with a general shortage of blood in the country, people need blood from those of their own race, since their blood cells are slightly different from other groups, said DeCasanova, who oversees recruiting donors and blood drives. Donations can be scheduled at the center on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and every other weekend.

"It comes down to genetics — heredity and genetics," said Jill Alberigo, director of laboratory and special services for the Rhode Island center.

"There's a lot of other proteins on the surface of your red cells," she said. If there are incompatible red cells in the blood, the proteins, called antigens, will summon antibodies.

"It will destroy them ... it will burst them and that can be toxic," Alberigo said.

This is why blood types A, B, AB and O, whether positive or negative, must be compatible (O-negative is the universal donor for red cells and AB-positive is the universal recipient; others must match). The Rh factor, whether positive or negative, also matters. Type AB is the universal donor for plasma.

But there are subgroups as well, which are related to race.

"If you're from a certain race, you share those certain genetic codes," Alberigo said. "Anyone in the general population could have a rare type.

All blood from Black donors also is screened for the trait for sickle cell disease, and blood that can be given to those patients is stored separately.

DeCasanova said the blood center does everything from collecting blood, to screening it, separating red cells, plasma and platelets, and supplying it to hospitals, including Middlesex, Connecticut Children's, Windham and Backus. The center does not trans-



Eileen Pellebier and Noa Mencher donate blood during the Hartford Hospital blood drive. Mencher is the cardiology oncology program coordinator with Hartford HealthCare, DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

fuse blood to patients.

With donations low in general, the shortage of Black donors is even more apparent, according to Jocelyn Hillard, spokeswoman for the American Red Cross' Connecticut and Rhode Island Region, based in Farm-

"In June, the Red Cross collected approximately 12% fewer blood donations than needed to sustain a sufficient blood supply one of the largest blood donation shortfalls in a single month in recent years," Hillard wrote in an email.

The American Red Cross declared a blood crisis in January, when the omicron variant of COVID-19 began to increase.

While the reason for low blood donation rates for individuals who are Black is currently unknown, studies on demographic patterns of blood donors hypothesize distrust of the health care system, a higher proportion of blood donor ineligibility and different motivators and barriers to blood donation as possible contributing factors," she wrote.

"The Red Cross needs blood donors of all races and ethnicities to help ensure a diverse blood supply to support the blood transfusion needs of patients," Hillard wrote.

She said the COVID-19 pandemic, which hit the Black community hard, "deterred many donors from giving, and the cancellation of drives at educational institutions and businesses, where most of these donors give, has caused the number of Black individuals who give blood to drop by about half."

Also, Black people are more likely to have type O blood than white people — half of all Black people are type O. O-positive is the most transfused blood type, while O-negative, being the universal donor type, is often in short supply, Hillard said.

The pandemic has reduced the number of blood drives, so Jarosz feels compelled to get the word out.

"I think it's just a lack of information out there," she said. "When I was growing up, I felt like blood drives in your town were in your face. But now, when I bring it up in the taproom, they were not aware there was a blood shortage."

Next spring, Hog River will be moving nearby to a building next to the Parkville Market, where there will be more room and it will be easier to find.

Sue Lynch, supervisor of donor services

at the Rhode Island center, recently participated in a blood drive at Hartford Hospital. She's been working with the center for 40 years, doing everything from purchasing to driving a forklift to paternity testing.

"It's just a positive type of atmosphere," she said of the blood drives, which now feature lounge chairs rather than hard tables.

"Any time that you see a tragedy happening in the world or in your own personal world, whether a family member is ill or there's been an accident, oftentimes it's going to call for blood," Lynch said. "The blood supply is such an important part of people's lives."

Too often, people give blood when there's a sudden need, then forget to return to give more, Lynch said, even though "99 percent of the time people say, this was so easy." One time, her daughter needed three units

of blood. "I was standing there and they said, 'OK, we're going to give you some blood.' ... \hat{I} was all choked up. I could have collected that from somebody."

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Pilot

rescued by members of the drug trafficking organization and provided safe passage and escort into Colombia."

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency learned that the cocaine was "diverted back to Colombia" and that Sanchez had traveled to Paraguay, where the government agreed to extradite him over his objections at the request of the U.S.

DEA agents and local law enforcement said in court papers that their investigation showed that, between 2015 and 2016, the Wolcott organization smuggled large quantities of cocaine into the U.S. from Venezuela and Colombia. Drugs were sold in the U.S. and money was smuggled back to Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic, they said.

The investigation identified Sanchez as one of the organization's Mexico-based pilots and tied him to smugglers in Dominican Republic and Wolcott, federal prose-

Sanchez's duties within this drug trafficking organization primarily focused on his role and expertise as a pilot which would further the DTO's smuggling routes between Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and the Dominican Republic," federal prosecutors said.

help small businesses and nonprofits, partic-

ularly those in low-income and underserved

Express, a state program that had called for

the Department of Economic and Commu-

nity Development to provide direct loans

to small businesses. Legislation last year

sought to increase flexibility in DECD's

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DECD said it's partnering with lenders

to leverage private capital and focus on

reaching communities with few banks and

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Fund is more efficient than Small Business

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The fund replaces Small Business

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Authorities said Sanchez was co-piloting the aircraft when it was forced down in August 2016. With him were pilot Rupert B. De Las Casas and Ricardo Manuel Alcala-Casillas, who was supposed to be the bodyguard for the cocaine.

Sanchez faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years from using an aircraft to smuggle more than five kilograms of cocaine into the U.S. Sanchez and others are charged with with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine on board an aircraft registered in the U.S. Sanchez has been detained since he was arrested in Paraguay, on March 25, 2021.

De Las Casas, who last resided in Florida, pleaded guilty and is detained while awaiting sentencing. Alcala-Casillas is at large.

Another co-conspirator, Arrinson De La Cruz, who had worked at an airport in the Dominican Republic and helped to coordinate the travel of the jet through the airport uninterrupted, was charged separately for his role in this scheme and other drug trafficking activity. De La Cruz, a citizen of the Dominican Republic who had resided in Wolcott, Connecticut, pleaded guilty and, on November 20, 2019, was sentenced to 144 months in prison.

The plane was registered in Connecticut. De las Casas' sentencing was continued. There's a plea proceeding transcript posted on his docket. Arrinson de la Cruz lived in

Connecticut.

for loans less than \$150,000 and 72-month repayment for loans more than \$150,000.

money on equipment, payroll, utilities, rent, supplies, marketing and advertising, refinancing, building renovations and other expenses.

The fund works with community lenders that adhere to equitable lending practices, Gov. Ned Lamont said.

Bob Stefanowski, the Republican candidate for governor, criticized "assertions that Gov. Lamont has been a supporter of Connecticut's small businesses.'

He said "too many small businesses have suffered at the hands of destructive policies." He did not elaborate.

states that tied Connecticut with Nevada for No. 39 in business-friendly policies, falling from 24th last year.

term in November.

The state is making an initial investment of \$75 million into the partnership that intends to lend \$150 million or more. The goal is for the fund to become self-sustaining as more money is invested.

apply at CTSmallBusinessBoostFund.org and if they qualify, they will be matched with a lender. The fund works with local community development financial institutions and lenders.

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PAUL SORVINO 1939-2022

'Goodfellas,' 'Law & Order' actor a mainstay in films, TV

By Lindsey Bahr Associated Press

Paul Sorvino, an imposing actor who specialized in playing crooks and cops like Paulie Cicero in "Goodfellas" and the NYPD Sgt. Phil Cerreta on "Law & Order," died Monday in Jackson-

ville, Florida. He was 83. His publicist Roger Neal said Sorvino died of natural causes. Sorvino had dealt with health issues over the past few years.

"Our hearts are broken, there will never be another Paul Sorvino, he was the love of my life, and one of the greatest performers to ever grace the screen and stage," his wife, Dee Dee Sorvino, said.

In more than 50 years in the entertainment business, Sorvino was a mainstay in films and television, playing an Italian American communist in Warren Beatty's "Reds," Henry Kissinger in Oliver Stone's "Nixon" and mob boss Eddie Valentine in "The Rocketeer."

He would often say that while he might be best known for playing gangsters, his real passions were poetry, painting and opera.

Born on April 13, 1939, in the Brooklyn borough of New York to a mother who taught piano and father who was a foreman in a robe factory, Sorvino was musically inclined from a young age and attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York where he fell for the theater.

He made his Broadway debut in 1964 in "Bajour' and his film debut in Carl Reiner's "Where's Poppa?" in 1970.

With his 6-foot-4-inch stature, Sorvino made an impactful presence no

In the 1970s, he acted alongside Al Pacino in "The Panic in Needle Park" and with James Caan in "The Gambler," reteamed with



Actors Paul Sorvino and daughter Mira Sorvino attend a film premiere in Toronto. KATHLEEN VOEGE/AP 2007

Reiner in "Oh, God!" and was among the ensemble in William Friedkin's bank robbery comedy "The Brink's Job.'

He was especially prolific in the 1990s, kicking off the decade playing Lips in Beatty's "Dick Tracy" and Paul Cicero in Martin Scorsese's "Goodfellas," who was based on the reallife mobster Paul Vario, and 31 episodes on Dick Wolf's "Law & Order."

He followed those with roles in "The Rocketeer," 'The Firm," "Nixon," which got him a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination, and Baz Luhrmann's "Romeo + Juliet" as Juliet's father, Fulgencio Capulet.

Sorvino had three children from his first marriage, including Academy Award-winning actor Mira Sorvino.

Mira Sorvino wrote a tribute on Twitter: "My father the great Paul Sorvino has passed. My heart is rent asunder a life of love and joy and wisdom with him is over. He was the most wonderful father. I love him so much. I'm sending you love in the stars, Dad, as you ascend."

He also directed and starred in a film written by his daughter Amanda Sorvino and featuring his son Michael Sorvino.

He also ran a horse rescue in Pennsylvania, had a grocery store pasta sauce line based on his mother's recipe, and sculpted a bronze statue of the late playwright Jason Miller that resides in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Sorvino had starred in Miller's Tony and Pulitzer-winning play "That Championship Season" on Broadway in 1972 and its film adaptation.

In 2014, he married political pundit Dee Dee Benkie and said that a goal of his later life was to "disabuse people of the notion that I'm a slow-moving, heavy-lidded thug."

As with most who starred in "Goodfellas," the image would follow him for the rest of his life which he had complex feelings about.

'Most people think I'm either a gangster or a cop or something," he said. "The reality is I'm a sculptor, a painter, a best-selling author, many, many things a poet, an opera singer, but none of them is gangster. ... It would be nice to have my legacy more than that of just tough guy."

to six community development financial institutions on a "one-stop-shop website," Lehman said.

The loans have a fixed 4.5% interest rate and are available to eligible small businesses and nonprofits with operations in Connecticut that have 100 or fewer fulltime employees and annual revenue of less than \$8 million.

Terms include a 60-month repayment

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Stefanowski cited a CNBC ranking of the

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine digs in for a counterattack

Groundwork being set to take Kherson back from Russians

By Michael Schwirtz
The New York Times

KHERSON REGION BORDER, Ukraine — The road to Russian-occupied Kherson in southern Ukraine passes through a no man's land of charred wheat fields and cratered villages. The tails of rockets stick out of asphalt and the boom of incoming and outgoing artillery ricochets off tidy abandoned homes.

Along a jagged front line, Ukrainian forces are preparing for one of the most ambitious and significant military actions of the war: retaking Kherson.

The first city to fall to Russian forces, Kherson and the fertile lands that surround it are a key Russian beachhead, from which its military continuously launches attacks across a broad swath of Ukrainian territory. Regaining control could also help restore momentum to Ukraine, and give its troops a muchneeded morale boost.

"We want to liberate our territory and return it all to our control," said Senior Lt. Sergei Savchenko, whose unit with Ukraine's 28th Brigade is dug in along the Kherson region's western border. "We're ready. We have wanted this for a long time."

Already, fighting on the western and northern borders of the region is intensifying, as Ukrainian forces — currently about 30 miles from the city at their closest point — lay



Michael Maldonado, a former U.S. Marine from Kansas who joined Ukraine's 28th Brigade, smokes a cigarette in a trench last Friday outside Mykolaiv, Ukraine. The city is located near the Kherson region's border. **DANIEL BEREHULAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

the groundwork for a large offensive push. For a month, Ukrainian artillery and rocket forces have been softening up Russian positions using an array of new, Western-supplied weapons like the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, provided by the United States.

The strikes, some captured on video, have taken out forward command centers and key ammunition depots, which erupt in glittery fireballs when struck, Ukrainian officials say. They claim that hundreds of Russian troops have been killed and that the attacks

have disrupted Russia's logistical infrastructure. Supply warehouses and command positions have been pushed back from the front lines, they say, making it harder to keep soldiers armed and fed. Their claims cannot all be independently verified.

"You could compare it to waves," said a senior Ukrainian military official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss military planning. "Right now we're making small waves and creating conditions to make bigger ones."

Unlike in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, where a massive Russian force proslowly captured a province in recent weeks, the Ukrainian military appears Z

tide in the Kherson region, if haltingly.

After losing control over most of the region in the war's first weeks, Ukrainian troops have liberated 44 towns and villages along the border areas, about 15% of the territory, according to the region's military governor, Dmytro Butrii. Ukraine's top officials have given no clear timeline for retaking Kherson, but President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has made clear it is a top

to have begun to turn the

priority

"Our forces are moving into the region step by step," Zelenskyy said.

Ukraine's planned counteroffensive in the south has created debate among Western officials and some analysts about whether Ukraine was ready for such a big effort, or if it is the best use of resources when the Russian advances have come mostly in the Donbas.

Still, Ukrainian officials, and several Western intelligence officials, said it was important that Ukraine try to launch a counterattack. They say the Russian military is in a relatively weaker

position, having expended weapons and personnel in its Donbas offensive.

Richard Moore, chief of the British foreign intelligence service, MI6, predicted that the Russians would be forced to take a pause, offering an opening to Ukrainian forces.

Meanwhile, Ukraine is pressing ahead with its plan to resume grain exports across the Black Sea, a government official said Monday, in the face of a Russian missile attack on the port of Odesa that raised doubts about the viability of an international agreement aimed at easing a global food shortage.

Millions of tons of grain in Ukraine's ports have been held hostage by the war, but a deal struck Friday in Istanbul that involved Turkey and the United Nations appeared to offer hope, especially for the countries in Africa and the Middle East most reliant on the country's exports.

A spokesman for the regional military administration in Odesa said Monday that Ukraine would continue to work to carry out the plan. The spokesman, Serhii Bratchuk, said at a news conference that the port was "working on putting together some vessel caravans. These vessel caravans will be in charge of delivering on the commitments assumed within the agreements reached."

Security remained paramount and the port would not be fully unblocked, he said.

"We are talking only about a corridor that will be functioning and will be utilized to export Ukrainian grain, Bratchuk said.

Jan. 6 panel's new video: Trump's unspoken words

Tough talk set to be given in speech after riot was crossed out

By Mary Clare Jalonick Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An original script for Donald Trump's speech the day after the U.S. Capitol insurrection included tough talk ordering the Justice Department to "ensure all lawbreakers are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law" and stating the rioters "do not represent me." But those words were crossed out, apparently by Trump, according to exhibits released by House investigators

investigators. Virginia Rep. Elaine Luria, a Democratic member of the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack, tweeted out a short video Monday that included testimony from White House aides discussing Trump's speech on Jan. 7 and a screenshot of the speech, with notes and with lines to be deleted. In one of the clips, Trump's daughter, Ivanka Trump, confirms to the panel the document "looks like a copy of a draft of the remarks for that day" and the writing "looks like

my father's handwriting."
When the commit-

tee asked White House aide Jared Kushner, Ivanka's husband, why Trump crossed out specific lines, he responded, twice: "I don't

Meanwhile, Marc Short, who was chief of staff to Vice President Mike Pence, testified last week to a federal grand jury in Washington, making him the highest ranking official of the Trump administration so far known to have cooperated with the Justice Department's widening inquiry into the events leading up to the assault on the Capitol.

Short, who was subpoenaed by federal prosecutors, spent two to three hours in front of the grand jury, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The House select committee released the 3 minute, 40 second video Monday as a follow up to its final summer hearing last week, in which the investigators showed outtakes from Trump's videotaping of the speech. In the outtakes, Trump becomes frustrated and discusses the wording with the staff present, including Ivanka. At one point, he tells them "I don't want to say the election is over."

The committee is releasing the additional material in an effort to push out more

evidence after eight hearings laid out findings from more than 1,000 interviews in its yearlong investigation. Members will hold more hearings in the fall.

They are aiming to convey a message about Trump and his actions before, during and after the insurrection — that he repeatedly lied about widespread fraud, even against the advice of his closest aides, and sparked the violent actions of his supporters. And when the rioters broke into the Capitol, he did nothing to stop

In her Monday tweet, Luria said, "It took more than 24 hours for President Trump to address the nation again after his Rose Garden video on January 6th in which he affectionately told his followers to go home in peace. There were more things he was unwilling to say."

The Jan. 7 speech was seen by his aides as an effort to make up for his inaction the day before when he waited hours to tell the rioters to leave the Capitol—and when he did, in a video filmed in the Rose Garden, he told the rioters that they were "very special." In the video released by Luria, Trump aide Kushner says he had spoken with other



Supporters of President Donald Trump on Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington. The rally, in which Trump appeared and spoke, was followed by rioters storming the U.S. Capitol. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

aides and they were trying to put remarks together for the president. "We felt like it was important to further call for de-escalation," Kushner testified to the committee.

It's unclear who wrote the original text.

original text.

In the original line "I am outraged and sickened by the violence, lawlessness and mayhem" the word "sickened" is crossed out. So are the later lines, "I want to be very clear you do not represent me. You do not represent our movement." But he left in, "You do not represent our country." The

line "you belong in jail" was replaced with "you will pay."

These lines also deleted: "I am directing the Department of Justice to ensure all lawbreakers are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We must send a clear message — not with mercy but with JUSTICE. Legal consequences must be swift and firm."

In recent testimony, former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson said the scramble to get Trump to speak on Jan. 7 was partly because of "large concern" within the White House that

some of his Cabinet officials might try to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove him from office.

The newly released video includes testimony from John McEntee, then the director of the White House presidential personnel office and one of Trump's closest aides. McEntee says Kushner asked him to "nudge this along" to make sure that Trump delivered the speech. McEntee confirmed Trump was reluctant.

The New York Times contributed.



President Biden makes his first public appearance in days via a virtual meeting Monday at the White House complex. SUSAN WALSH/AP

Biden 'feeling better every day' after COVID-19 infection

By Chris Megerian Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Monday that he's "feeling better every day" as he recovers from his coronavirus infection, and the White House plans to hold a summit Tuesday to discuss developing a new generation of vaccines that could more effectively guard against contagious variants.

After participating in a virtual meeting to talk about

computer chip manufacturing, Biden said "everything's on the button" with the medical tests he's been receiving each evening.

He also said he's been sleeping better, joking that his dog had to wake him up this morning.

"My wife's not here, she usually takes him out," Biden said.

Shortly before 7 a.m., he said he felt "the nuzzle of my dog's nose against my chest." First lady Jill Biden has been at the family home

in Delaware while the president isolates in the White House residence.

Biden said his voice is still raspy and he still has nasal congestion, but he's "on my way to fully recovered, God willing."

It was Biden's first public appearance since Friday. Although his voice was deeper and raspier than normal, a deep and persistent cough was all but

He was also scheduled to deliver prerecorded remarks

to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives conference in Orlando, Florida.

The vaccine summit Tuesday, which involves top administration officials, scientists and pharmaceutical executives, comes as the country faces a surge of infections from BA.5, a variant that's an offshoot of the omicron strain.

Although the current generation of vaccines, plus antiviral drugs, have helped prevent hospitalizations and deaths, there are hopes that new versions could provide more durable protection against disruptive infections.

The president was likely infected by the BA.5 variant, and he tested positive Thursday.

A new note from his doctor, released Monday, said his symptoms have "almost completely resolved."

Dr. Kevin O'Connor also wrote that his vital signs remain "absolutely normal."

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Myanmar executes ex-lawmaker, 3 other political prisoners

From news services

BANGKOK – Myanmar's government confirmed Monday that it had carried out its first executions in nearly 50 years, hanging a former lawmaker, a democracy activist and two other political prisoners who had been accused of a targeted killing after the country's military takeover last year.

The executions, first announced in the state-run Mirror Daily newspaper, were carried out despite worldwide pleas for clem-

U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said she was dismayed by "this cruel and regressive step." She added: "For the military to widen its killing will only deepen its entanglement in the crisis it has itself created."

According to the newspaper, the four were executed "in accordance with legal procedures" for directing and organizing "violent and inhuman accomplice acts of terrorist killings." It did not say when they were hanged.

The military government later issued a statement about the executions. while the prison where the men had been held and the prison department refused comment.

Among those executed was Phyo Zeya Thaw, 41, a former lawmaker from ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party. Also known as Maung Kyaw, he was convicted in January by a closed military court of offenses involving possession of explosives, bombings and financing terrorism.

Also executed was Kyaw Min Yu, a 53-year-old democracy activist better known as Ko Jimmy, for violating the counterterrorism law. He was one of the leaders of the 88 Generation

Students Group, veterans of a failed 1988 popular uprising against military rule.

The other two, Hla Myo Aung and Aung Thura Zaw, were convicted of torturing and killing a woman in March 2021 who they allegedly believed was a military informer.

The U.S. Embassy in Myanmar offered condolences and decried the decision to execute them.

Ga. prosecutor blocked: ${\rm In}$ a blow to the prosecutor investigating election interference by former President Donald Trump and his allies, an Atlanta judge has disqualified District Attorney Fani Willis of Fulton County from developing a criminal case against state Sen. Burt Jones, Georgia's Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, because Willis headlined a June fundraiser for Jones' Democratic rival in the race.

Jones was one of 16 pro-Trump "alternate electors" in Georgia sworn in on the same day as the state's legitimate presidential electors, who cast their votes for Joe Biden. Willis' office recently notified Jones and the others, as well as another state senator and the head of the Georgia Republican Party, that they could face charges in the matter.

Monday's ruling, handed down by Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney, does not affect any other portion of the sprawling investigation that Willis' office is conducting with a special-purpose grand jury.

Central Park Five: A co-defendant of the so-called Central Park Five, whose convictions in a notorious 1989 rape of a jogger were thrown out more than a decade later, had his conviction on a related charge overturned Monday.



Conservative Party rivals Rishi Sunak, left, and Liz Truss spar Monday during a debate in Stoke-on-Trent, England. Sunak and Truss are vying to replace Boris Johnson as Britain's prime minister after he quit as party leader July 7. The winner, to be chosen by about 180,000 party members, will be announced Sept. 5 and automatically replaces Johnson. JACOB KING/PA IMAGES

Steven Lopez was exonerated in response to requests by Lopez's attorney and prosecutors at a court hearing in Manhattan.

Lopez was 15 when he was arrested with five other Black and Latino teenagers in the rape and assault on Trisha Meili but reached a deal with prosecutors to plead guilty to a lesser

District Attorney Alvin Bragg told a judge Monday that a review of the case found that Lopez had pleaded guilty involuntarily "in the face of false statements" and under "immense external pressure." He served more than three years behind bars before being released in the early 1990s.

Lopez, 48, didn't give a statement in court and left without speaking to report-

Five teenagers were convicted in the attack on Meili and served six to 13 years in prison. Their convictions were overturned in 2002 after evidence linked a convicted serial rapist and murderer, Matias Reyes, to the attack.

Texas airport shooting: A 37-year-old woman fired several gunshots, apparently at the ceiling, inside of Dallas' Love Field Airport on Monday before an officer shot and wounded her, authorities said.

The woman was dropped off at the airport at about 11 a.m., walked inside near the ticketing counters and entered a bathroom, Dallas police Chief Eddie Garcia said. She emerged wearing a hooded sweatshirt or some other clothing that she hadn't arrived in, pulled apparently at the ceiling, he said.

An officer nearby shot the woman in her "lower extremities," wounding her and enabling her to be taken into custody, Garcia said. She was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Police later identified the

woman as Portia Odufuwa and did not speculate as to her motive.

Senators infected: Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, disclosed Monday that they have tested positive for COVID-19.

Manchin, 74, said he's fully vaccinated and boosted.

"I will isolate and follow CDC guidelines as I continue to work remotely to serve West Virginians," On social media, Murkow-

ski, 65, said she recently tested positive after experiencing flu-like symptoms. The statement did not specify the timing of the test. Karina Borger, a spokes-

person in Murkowski's Senate office, said in an email that the senator is 'vaccinated and boosted."

Humanitarian corridor: The first of some 300 Afghan refugees arrived in Rome on Monday along a new humanitarian corridor organized by the Italian government, charities and international organizations, Italy's Foreign Ministry announced.

The humanitarian corridor aims to give "additional refugees and persecuted Afghans the possibility of a future in dignity and security" following the U.S. withdrawal last August and the Taliban's reassertion of control, the ministry said.

Thousands of Afghan citizens were evacuated after the fall of Kabul, but many who risked Taliban retribution were left behind. The Foreign Ministry said the corridor, which envisions the transfer of 1,200 Afghan refugees from Iran, Pakistan and other neighboring countries, would give priority to women and children.

The first nine Afghan refugees arrived on a flight from Tehran. Another 200 are flying from Islamabad on Wednesday with a third group arriving from Tehran on Thursday.



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Sheriffs push election fraud claims

Some assert their powers surpass that of all other officials

By John Hanna and Christina A. Cassidy Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — The sheriff in Kansas' most populous county says he took it for granted that local elections ran smoothly — until former President Donald Trump lost there in 2020.

Now he's assigned detectives to investigate what he claims is election fraud, even though there has been no evidence of any widespread fraud or manipulation of voting machines in 2020. Calvin Hayden in Johnson County, which covers suburban Kansas City, isn't the only sheriff in the country to try to carve out a bigger role for their office in investigating elections.

Promoters of baseless conspiracy theories that the last presidential election was stolen from Trump are pushing a dubious theory that county sheriffs can access voting machines and intervene in how elections are run — and also have virtually unchecked power in their counties.

Voting rights advocates and election experts said any attempts by law enforcement to interfere in elections would be alarming and an extension of the threat posed by the continued circulation of Trump's lies about the 2020 election.

"What we have seen time and again is that those who support the 'Big Lie' find conduits to groups of people who they think can help perpetuate this conspiracy theory and erode confidence in elections and potentially cast doubt on them going forward," said David Levine, a former election official who is now a fellow with the Alliance for Securing Democracy, a nonpartisan institute with staff in Washington and Brussels whose



Johnson County, Kan., Sheriff Calvin Hayden said he's investigating election fraud claims. SHELLY YANG/KANSAS CITY STAR 2020

mission involves combating efforts to undermine democratic institutions.

To be sure, law enforcement can play an important role in elections by sharing intelligence, protecting election workers and equipment, and investigating potential election crimes. But that is typically done after election administrators request the help.

Hayden appeared at the "FreedomFest" in Las Vegas earlier this month, held by the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, although his office said he is not a member of the group.

Onstage with him were sheriffs Dar Leaf of Barry County in southwest Michigan and Chris Schmaling of Racine County in Wisconsin, south of Milwaukee. Both say they are investigating election fraud claims, and both accuse state officials of violating election laws.

"We've been educating

ourselves about elections," Hayden told the gathering. "I've sent my detectives through — I've got a cyber guy. I sent him through to start evaluating what's going on with the machines."

Hayden, a Republican, did not elaborate and declined to be interviewed, citing what he said was his ongoing investigation. State and local election officials in Kansas said his office has not gained access to voting machines, and other Johnson County officials said there are no indications of any problems with the 2020 elections there.

The constitutional sheriffs' group declares on its website that a sheriff's power in a county is greater than that of any other official and "even supersedes the powers of the President." Leaf filed a lawsuit in June against Michigan's attorney general and secretary of state, accusing them of trying to stifle his investigation. He said a sheriff "has

no superiors in his county."
The "constitutional sheriffs" movement has gained visibility in recent years, as some sheriffs — including Hayden — resisted enforcing

mask or vaccination require-

ments during the coronavi-

rus pandemic.

"All of a sudden, it's like the lights went on. It's the sheriffs," said Catherine Engelbrecht, founder of the election-conspiracy group True the Vote, speaking as part of a panel at the recent constitutional sheriffs gathering in Las Vegas. "That's who can do these investigations. That's who we can

trust."

It's not clear how many sheriffs are part of the movement, though the national group's founder, Richard Mack, said last year that about 300 of the nation's 3,000 sheriffs were members, according to The Washington Post.

Mack did not respond to telephone and email requests for an interview. "It's like a lot of these theories — it legally has no basis whatsoever," said Stephen McAllister, the top federal prosecutor for Kansas during most of the Trump administration. "They are subject to state law. They

are certainly subject to fed-

eral law. They are not sort of

supreme little kings within

their counties, whether they

think so or not."

Hayden said in a public statement that since the fall of 2021, he has received more than 200 tips alleging fraud in local elections. He said his department has a legal obligation to investigate "any criminal claim."

But a memo from Peg Trent, Johnson County's chief legal counsel, suggested Hayden went further in a July 5 meeting with her and county election officials.

Trent said Hayden questioned the use of ballot drop boxes at libraries, called for limiting the hours they would be available and offered to have his staff pick

up the ballots. She said his staff also asked to have a deputy in the room as ballots are counted.

"As we discussed, my concern is that these requests give the appearance that the Sheriff's office is attempting to interfere with an election," she wrote in the July 7 memo, sent to Hayden, county commissioners and the county manager.

In a statement, Hayden said he would "whole-heart-edly disagree" with her account of the meeting.

There is no evidence to support Trump's claims of a stolen election in 2020 or to suggest widespread fraud or vote tampering.

But false claims have sowed doubt among many Republican voters, triggered death threats to election officials and led to a host of new voting restrictions in GOP-controlled states. Trump allies have sought access to voting equipment and turned the normally routine process of certifying election results contentious.

"The danger of anyone embracing a conspiracy theory is the loss of confidence in election results," said Chris Harvey, the former state elections director in Georgia. "It's an added danger if it's law enforcement. Their job is to enforce laws and maintain order. If they are seen as not having confidence in what's going on, it's just going to further trickle down into society."

Hayden said during the Las Vegas gathering that his concerns about election fraud were piqued after Democrat Joe Biden carried Johnson County in the 2020 presidential election because the county had consistently "voted Republican" for more than a century. But that argument — made by election conspiracy promoters – ignores that Democrats have carried Johnson County multiple times in governor's races during that time, including in Laura Kelly's winning campaign in 2018.



Taiwanese soldiers guide civilians to a shelter during an air raid drill Monday in Taipei. Taiwan's military also mobilized for routine exercises amid Chinese threats. **CHIANG YING-YING/AP**

Taiwan holds drills as China balks at possible Pelosi trip

Associated Press

BEIJING — Taiwan's capital staged air raid drills Monday and its military mobilized for routine defense exercises, coinciding with concerns over a forceful Chinese response to a possible visit to the island by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

While there was no direct link between China's renewed threats and Taiwan's defensive moves, they underscore the possibility of a renewed crisis in the Taiwan Strait, considered a potential hot spot for conflict that could envelop the entire region.

Air raid sirens were sounded in the capital Taipei and the military was holding its annual multiday Han Kuang drills, including joint air and sea exercises and the mobilization of tanks and troops.

In Taipei, police directed randomly selected subway commuters to shelters when a siren went off shortly after lunchtime. Most departed after about 15 minutes.

Pelosi, D-Calif., has not confirmed when, or even if, she will visit, but President

Joe Biden last week told reporters that U.S. military officials believed such a trip was "not a good idea." Administration officials are believed to be critical of a possible trip, both for the problematic timing and the lack of coordination with the White House.

China's authoritarian ruling Communist Party considers democratic, self-ruling Taiwan its own territory, to be annexed by force if necessary, and regularly advertises that threat by staging military exercises and flying warplanes into Taiwan's air defense identification zone or across the center line of the 100-milewide Taiwan Strait.

Beijing says those actions are aimed at deterring advocates of the island's formal independence and foreign allies — principally the U.S. — from interfering, more than 70 years after the sides split amid civil war

split amid civil war.

Pelosi, a critic of Beijing, is second in line to the White House. She is viewed as a Biden proxy by China, which demands members of Congress follow the commitments made by previous administrations.

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Taiwan is among the few

issues that enjoys broad bipartisan support among lawmakers and within the administration.

U.S. law requires Washington provide Taiwan with the means to defend itself and treat all threats to the island as matters of "grave concern," but remains ambiguous on whether it would commit forces in response to an attack from China.

China.

Though the sides lack formal diplomatic ties, the U.S. is Taiwan's chief provider of outside defense assistance and political support, in a reflection of its desire to limit China's growing influence and maintain a robust American presence in the Western Pacific.

China's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday it will take "resolute and strong measures," but has not specified actions it would take in response to a visit to Taiwan by Pelosi, who would be the highest-ranking elected official to visit Taiwan since 1997. Speculation has centered on a new round of threatening military exercises or even an attempt to prevent Pelosi's plane from landing by declaring a no-fly zone over Taiwan.

VP Harris visits as lawmakers debate Indiana's abortion ban

By Tom Davies and Arleigh Rodgers Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Vice President Kamala Harris said a proposal from Indiana Republicans to ban nearly all abortions in the state reflects a health care crisis in the country and she met Monday with Democratic state legislators on the first day of a contentious special legislative session on the issue.

the issue.

Harris traveled to Indianapolis as several thousand people on both sides of the issue filled Statehouse corridors and lined sidewalks surrounding the building as a state Senate committee was set to begin hearing testimony on the

GOP-sponsored proposal.
Indiana is one of the first
Republican-run state legislatures to debate tighter
abortion laws after the U.S.
Supreme Court decision
last month overturning Roe
v. Wade. The ruling is likely
to lead to abortion bans in

roughly half the states. "Maybe some people need to actually learn how a woman's body works," Harris said Monday, eliciting murmurs and laughs from the Democratic legislators. "The parameters that are being proposed mean that for the vast majority of women, by the time she realizes she is pregnant, she will be prohibited from having access to reproductive health care that will allow her to choose what will happen to her life."

Indiana House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta said the proposed ban would have "drastic consequences for women, especially for women of color and low-income women, who are already disproportionately impacted by getting adequate health care access."

Indiana's Republican Senate leaders proposed a bill last week that would



Kamala Harris, seen Monday in Indianapolis, said a proposal from Indiana Republicans banning almost all abortions reflects a health care crisis in the U.S. MICHAEL CONROY/AP

prohibit abortions from the time an egg is implanted in a woman's uterus with exceptions in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the mother. The proposal followed the political firestorm over a 10-year-old rape victim who traveled to the state from neighboring Ohio to end her pregnancy. "She is a baby." Demo-

"She is a baby," Democratic Rep. Cherrish Pryor of Indianapolis, one of the lawmakers at the meeting with Harris, said of the child. "Why should we force babies to have babies?"

The case of the Ohio girl gained wide attention when an Indianapolis doctor said the child had to go to Indiana because Ohio banned abortions at the first detectable "fetal heartbeat" after the Supreme Court's abortion decision. On Monday, the 27-year-old defendant in that case pleaded not guilty during a hearing in Franklin County, Ohio.

County, Ohio.

The fate of the Indiana abortion bill in the Republican-dominated Legislature is uncertain, as leaders of Indiana Right to Life, the state's most prominent anti-abortion group, are decrying the Senate proposal as weak and lacking on forcement angicions.

ing enforcement provisions. Republican Senate leaders said the bill would not add new criminal penalties against doctors involved with abortions, but they would face possibly having their medical licenses revoked for breaking the law.

Meanwhile, Tennessee's attorney general's office on Monday said it's still unknown when the state's anti-abortion "trigger ban" will go into effect, but some state lawmakers are raising alarm that the ban has no exceptions for victims of rape or incest.

Tennessee has been limiting abortion as early as six weeks into pregnancy since last month's ruling.

However, the state has another ban designed to restrict abortion almost entirely. It can't be enacted until the Supreme Court enters a judgment on the Roe ruling, which is expected soon. Doing so starts the clock on Tennessee's trigger law and allows it to be implemented within

30 days.

Republican Attorney
General Herbert Slatery's
office initially said the state
could begin enforcing the
trigger law in mid-August, but nearly a month
after making that estimate,
a spokesperson said they
were "not sure" if that timeline was still in place.

Abe suspect bore familiar grudge

Unification Church has controversial presence in Japan

By Ben Dooley and Hisako Ueno The New York Times

TOKYO — The day before Shinzo Abe was assassinated, Tetsuya Yamagami sent a letter saying that the Unification Church had ruined his life, "destroying my family and driving it into bankruptcy."

Yamagami's mother had been a member of the church for more than two decades, making prodigious donations over her family's objections. "It's no exaggeration to say that my experience with it during that time continues to distort my whole life," he wrote to a blogger who covered the church. Japanese police have confirmed that he sent the letter.

The next day, Abe was dead, shot at close range with an improvised gun while campaigning in the city of Nara, Japan.

Police have charged Yamagami with murder, saying he was angry at a "certain group" and decided to target Abe, the former prime minister of Japan. Authorities haven't named the group, but a Unification Church spokesperson said that Yamagami was most likely referring to them. It remains unclear why Yamagami directed his animus at Abe.

The July 8 shooting has thrust the church's legal troubles back into the national dialogue, in particular its battles with families who said they had been impoverished by large donations. Those payments were among billions of dollars in revenue from Japan that helped finance much of the church's global political and business ambitions.

In one judgment from 2016, a Tokyo civil court awarded more than \$270,000 in damages to the former husband of a church



Couples from around the world attend a mass wedding ceremony in Gapyeong, South Korea, arranged by the Unification Church. AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP 2020

member, after she donated his inheritance, salary and retirement funds to the group to "save" him and his ancestors from damnation.

In another civil case from 2020, a judge ordered the church and other defendants to pay damages to a woman after members had convinced her that her child's cancer was caused by familial sins. On their advice, she spent tens of thousands of dollars on church goods and services, like researching her family history and buying blessings.

This month, church officials said they had struck an agreement in 2009 with the family of Yamagami's mother to repay about \$360,000 in donations she had made over the years. In an interview, Yamagami's uncle said she had given at least twice that.

Many families have settled complaints against the

church through court-arbitrated agreements, according to Hiroshi Watanabe, a lawyer who has negotiated some of them.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon founded the Unification Church in South Korea in 1954. Five years later, he opened its first overseas branch, in Japan, which quickly became the church's largest revenue source.

Ābe's grandfather, Nobusuke Kishi, a former prime minister, appeared at events sponsored by a group that Moon established to fight communism. Decades later, in 2021, Abe spoke by video feed to a conference in Seoul, South Korea, sponsored by a church-affiliated nonprofit organization, praising its "focus and emphasis on family values."

An ardent Korean nationalist, Moon was educated in Japan while his own country lived under its colonial rule.

His theology reflected his ambivalence toward Japan, describing it in his sermons as both a potential savior and a satanic power.

During visits, Moon warned Japanese followers that they were steeped in sin and exhorted them to sacrifice everything for the church.

"Each of you needs to restore, through paying indemnity, the sins committed by your ancestors in history," he told a group of believers in 1973, instructing them to "shed blood, sweat and tears.".

Hundreds of thousands heeded his call. By the mid-1980s, billions of dollars in donations had flowed from Japanese families into the church's coffers. Moon used the money to build a sprawling business empire and a network of nonprofit organizations and media outlets, like The Washing-

ton Times, that he leveraged for political influence. Families were asked to make constant donations and pay steep fees to purchase various religious services and leather-bound volumes of Moon's teachings, according to court judgments handed down in subsequent civil suits against the group.

By the early 1990s, Moon's power in Japan had peaked. In the years since, the church's power and influence in Japan — as well as the complaints against it — have ebbed. But "even now, there are a lot of people like Mr. Yamagami's family," said Yoshifu Arita, a member of parliament who has frequently spoken out about the issue. "Japanese society just doesn't see them."

Yamagami, however, never lost sight of the Unification Church. His mother's actions had "plunged my brother, my sister and me into hell," he wrote on a Twitter account.

Amid anti-Korean screeds, misogynistic musings and commentary on Japanese politics, the account — which has been suspended — describes a painful childhood and a seething fury at his mother's allegiance to the Unification Church. He blamed the relationship for his own failings in life.

In his letter, Yamagami said he had spent years dreaming of revenge, but had become convinced that attacking the church would accomplish nothing.

Abe is "not my enemy," Yamagami wrote, "he's nothing more than one of the Unification Church's most powerful sympathizers."

But, he added, "I no longer have the luxury to think about the political meaning or consequences that Abe's death will bring."

Kids of IS fighters risk radicalization in camp

'If this stays this way, nothing good can come out of it'

By Charlie Savage The New York Times

AL-HOL, Syria — Viewed from a helicopter, this enormous camp that holds the wives and children of dead or captured Islamic State fighters was a sea of white tents against the desolate landscape of drought

stricken northeastern Syria. From the ground, the human dimension of this tragedy came into focus.

As a convoy of armored vehicles made its way up a dusty road, children emerged to stand at the fence amid garbage. Some waved. One boy, in a faded "Star Wars" shirt, stood with hands clasped behind his back. Another, in an oversized polo shirt, held aloft a star folded from paper.

Al-Hol is a detention camp for people displaced by the Islamic State group's war — guards do not let residents walk out its gates. About 93% of the 55,000 people here are women and children, about half under 12 years old. While most have Iraqi or Syrian mothers, thousands come from about 51 other countries, including European nations that have been reluctant to repatriate them

The world's attention has largely moved on since the Islamic State group's last major enclave here crumbled in 2019. But left behind are tens of thousands of children growing up under brutal circumstances and intensely vulnerable to radicalization. They are surrounded by hard-line militant women; as boys grow into teenagers, they are sometimes transferred to wartime prisons for fighters.

"We've seen the violence, and we also know that we have a huge population of kids that are growing older," said Daoud Ghaznawi, who oversees the administration of services in the camp



The al-Hol detention camp in Syria houses families of dead or captured IS fighters. IVOR PRICKETT/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019

by nongovernmental organizations alongside guards provided by a Kurdish-led militia that controls the region. "If this stays this way, nothing good can come out of it."

Rights groups and the military have been sounding the alarm about the dangers of leaving the detained children of Islamic State group members to languish in the desert: In addition to being cruel, the miserable conditions risk forging them into a network of extremists numbed to violence and angry at the world.

The camp for women and children is part of a constellation of facilities in northeastern Syria overseen by the Kurdish-led militia that also includes nearly two dozen prisons holding some 10,000 adult men—suspected Islamic State fighters who have proved even more difficult to repatriate and pose the risk of breaking out.

oreaking out. In late 2018, al-Hol held about 10,000 refugees and others displaced by war. But early the next year, as the U.S.-backed coalition laid siege to Baghuz, the remaining Islamic State stronghold, women and children who fled or survived were separated from the men and sent to al-Hol. Its population ballooned sevenfold.

For years, the U.S. State Department has urged countries to repatriate their citizens, as the United States did. Doing so is politically unpopular given the prisoners' association with the Islamic State group, and even their younger children are often stigmatized as dangerous. But trickles of women and children have left

In the meantime, security is deteriorating inside al-Hol. There have been about 25 murders this year. While the available data is imprecise, the pace of the killings has increased since late spring, including a murder two weeks ago and

a woman who was found beheaded last month. Hardcore Islamic State women, self-appointed as religious police, are presumed responsible for many killings as retaliation for transgressions like talking to the camp authorities.

A delegation on a fact-finding mission, led by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., visited the facilities in recent weeks, inviting a New York Times reporter on a rare tour by a senior U.S. official.

official.

The situation here could soon get worse. Turkey considers the Kurdish-led militia that controls northeastern Syria to be intertwined with a separatist terrorist group. The militia, known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, has been the United States' main on-the-ground ally fighting the

Islamic State group in Syria. Turkey, a NATO ally of the United States, attacked the SDF in 2019, destabilizing the fragile region; it has signaled an intention to do so again soon.

so again soon.
Should there be another Turkish incursion, American officials believe hundreds of thousands of people living in the border region could be displaced, adding to the turmoil. They also fear that SDF prison guards and a related internal security force at al-Hol would redeploy personnel to the front — as happened in 2019 — and could lose control of Islamic State detainees.

"If a Turkish attack in fact comes down, we're going to potentially have ISIS 2.0," Brig. Gen. Claude Tudor of the Air Force said, using an alternative name for IS during a helicopter flight accompanying Graham into Syria.

Tudor is commander of the Special Operations task force working to defeat the Islamic State group in Iraq

and Syria.
Warning that militants could try to regroup via mass

prison breakouts, he added, "We think ISIS is looking to attack another prison or do something in al-Hol."
In 2022, the U.S. military

In 2022, the U.S. military is set to spend \$155 million in Syria to train and equip the SDF, along with related work like bolstering Islamic State group prisons. The State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development plan to spend \$852 million on humanitarian assistance in Syria and support to refugees in nearby countries.

Pentagon funds have helped pay for guards and infrastructure, including metal detectors at al-Hol, and internal fences are expected to be built this month to allow guards to close off areas in a riot or after raids to clear out smuggled weapons. The U.S. military is also logging biometric data, such as DNA, of the adult male prisoners.

Most children at al-Hol do not attend school — there are not enough of them, and some women refuse to let their offspring go. Ghaznawi said two schools were recently forced to close; they had stopped hiring camp residents as support staff, he said, and were repeatedly attacked.

Kathryn Achilles, the advocacy, media and communications director for Syria for Save the Children, said it operates six "temporary learning spaces" at al-Hol, including one it recently rebuilt after it was set on fire. They teach a basic curriculum of English, Arabic, math and science. But the growing violence, she said, is further traumatizing the children.

"These kids didn't choose to go to Syria or to be born there, and they are trapped in this cycle of violence that is punishing them for the sins, or perceived sins, of their fathers," she said. "The SDF has been left with the responsibility of holding these people. These children are caught in the system, but what they need is to be returned home."



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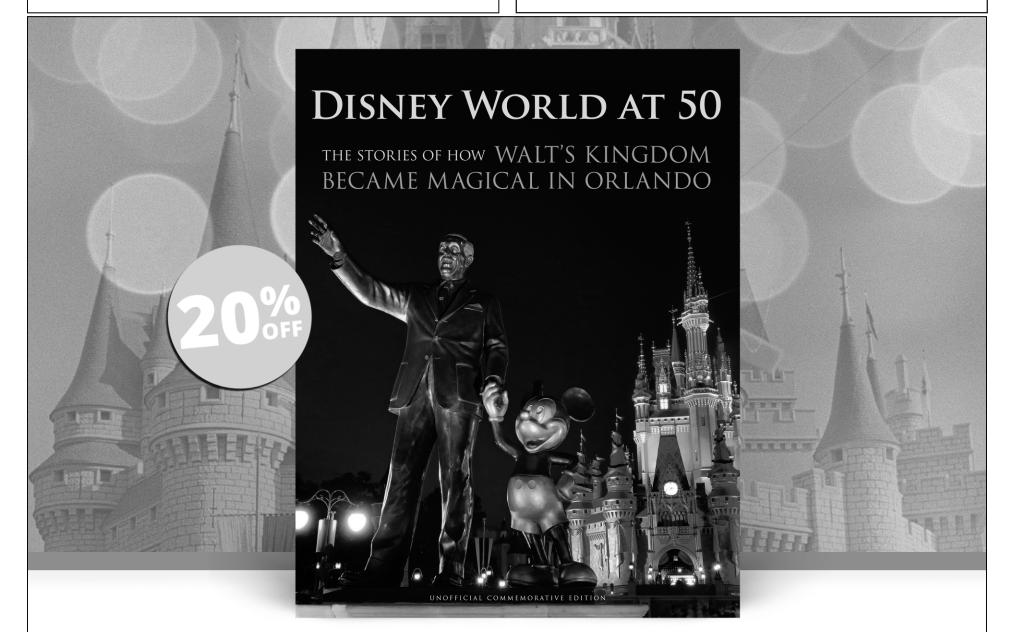
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ELECTION 2022

GOP Senate candidates to debate

By Mark Pazniokas

Until recent escalating attacks on the front runner, Connecticut's race for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate had been oddly listless, waged by three candidates whose daily campaign schedules are not public.

A televised debate Tuesday night will provide the first and only opportunity for a broad audience to see Themis Klarides, the GOP's socially moderate convention choice, engage two Trump loyalists, Leora Levy and Peter Lumaj.

A primary featuring candidates on opposite sides of the great divide over abortion and Donald Trump once offered the possibility of defining the political identity of a state Republican Party in transition.

But Republicans say they see little evidence their voters are closely following the mid-summer fight for a spot on the November ballot opposing Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat seeking a third term. The primary is Aug. 9.

A low turnout would limit its value as a bellwether of Trump's standing among GOP voters in Connecticut or their tolerance for a moderate deemed by convention delegates as the strongest candidate in a general election.

In the Republican redoubt of Darien, Rep. Thomas P. O'Dea of New Canaan said there was ample foot traffic last weekend by the canopy the GOP sets up on Saturdays, a favored form of outreach by both parties in Fairfield County.

There was little buzz about the primary.
"A lot of people, at least there in Darien,
were not aware of the August 9th primary,"
O'Dea said. "And that's a problem."
The same is true in Bolton, an east-of-

The same is true in Bolton, an east-ofthe-river Hartford suburb where the first selectman is Republican Pam Sawyer, who

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Simsbury Dems go head-to-head in state rep. bid

By Alison Cross Hartford Courant

SIMSBURY — Democratic hopefuls for Simsbury's 16th District General Assembly seat are looking to secure key endorsements and voter support in the battle for the Democratic nomination in the Aug. 9 primary

Simsbury Democrats will decide whether former First Selectman Eric Wellman or attorney Melissa Osborne will go up against Republican nominee Mike Paine this November for the seat vacated by state Rep. John Hampton.

This week, U.S. Congresswoman Jahana Hayes, D-CT5, endorsed Wellman, a current Simsbury Board of Selectman member who held the town's first selectman seat for two terms from 2017 to 2021. In addition to local officials, the Simsbury Democratic Town Committee gave Wellman their endorsement in May. State Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw, D-17, endorsed Wellman on Monday.

Osborne, the petitioning candidate who lost state senate elections in 2014, 2018, and 2020, holds endorsements from Hampton and former Simsbury first selectmen Mary Glassman and Anita Mielert. Osborne also received an endorsement this week from State Sen. Saud Anwar, who represents Connecticut's third district.

Both candidates share similar beliefs on safeguarding abortion access, protecting the environment, supporting schools, expanding gun safety and maintain

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Berlin apartment complex aids town in reaching 10% 'affordable housing' goal

Deming Ridge project near Eversource's campus will have 11 two-story buildings on 12 acres

By Don Stacom

Hartford Courant

Metro Realty is building an 88-unit apartment building near Eversource's campus in Berlin, with a significant share of the building dedicated to workforce housing.

housing.
Bulldozers and earthmovers are working on land along Deming Road about three-quarters of a mile east of the Berlin Turnpike.

The Deming Ridge project

will have one- and two-bedroom apartments, and Metro Realty is promoting it as convenient to employers and retailers. Plans show 11 two-story buildings on the nearly 12-acre site at 883 Deming Road, with individual patios or balconies as well as a communal patio and grill area. The company is also advertising that it will include a fitness center.

Farmington-based Metro Realty operates the Fieldstone Crossing complex on the opposite side of Deming. The company cleared the mostly wooded property and will connect the apartments to municipal water and sewer systems.

The town and state gave permits for the project last year, and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority approved nearly \$12 million in financing to aid development.

CHFA noted that all of the apartments will be set aside for tenants making no more than

the area median income, which currently is \$112,700 for a family of four under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines. Of the 88 units, 18 will be designated for tenants making up to half of that figure, and another nine will be set aside for those making up to 60% of it.

Those 27 apartments will count toward Berlin's state-mandated affordable housing goal,

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Oath Pizza, with headquarters in Nantucket, has its first Connecticut location in West Hartford. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

OATH PIZZA OPENS IN WEST HARTFORD

Blue Black Square has first Connecticut location for Nantucket-based company

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

At Oath Pizza, it's all about the crust. In 2015, Doug Ferriman experimented with crust recipes and came up with one he thought was perfect: thin, grilled and seared in avocado oil. With that crust as the foundation, he opened the first Oath Pizza, on Nantucket.

Since then, Oath has expanded to 18 locations, in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey and South Carolina. Its first Connecticut location opened July 14 in West Hartford's Blue Back Square. Another Connecticut location, in Darien, will open in the coming months.

Nine of those Oath locations on are on college campuses. "Colleges like us because we can feed everybody. We can make pizzas gluten free. We can make them dairy free. Everything we make is nut free," said Mila Trevithick, who has worked at eight Oath Pizza locations and is opening the West Hartford one.

Oath also prides itself on how fast it can get out a pizza. "A lot of places, it takes 15 minutes or so to get the pizza out. Our goal each time is 3 minutes," Trevithick said.

That goal is helped along by Oath's conveyor-belt Ovention

That goal is helped along by Oath's conveyor-belt Ovention oven, which pushes out the pizza about a minute and a half after it is placed on the belt.

Before going into the oven, the crust — either that avocado $\,$



A pizza is prepared at Oath Pizza in West Hartford.

oil-seared crust or a crust made from chickpeas, available in the personal size only — is spread with sauce, cheese, veggies and proteins. Then is it placed on the belt. After it emerges, the pizza gets a topping of Grana Padano cheese, a sprinkling of fresh basil shaken right off the stem, and any other requested garnish. Then it is ready to roll out the door.

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Alex Jones' Sandy Hook defamation trial finally set to begin



Infowars host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones speaks Sept. 5, 2018, outside of the Dirksen building on Capitol Hill in Washington. Jury selection was set for Monday in a trial that will determine how much Jones must pay Sandy Hook Elementary School parents for falsely telling his audience that the deadliest classroom shooting in U.S. history was a hoax. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

By Jim Vertuno Associated Press

Jury selection began Monday in a trial that will determine for the first time how much Infowars host Alex Jones must pay Sandy Hook Elementary School parents for falsely telling his audience that the deadliest classroom shooting in U.S. history was a hoax.

The trial in Austin, Texas

— where the conspiracy
theorist lives and broadcasts
his show — follows months
of delays. Jones has racked
up fines for ignoring court
orders and he put Infowars
into bankruptcy protection
just before the trial was originally set to start in April.

At stake for Jones is another potentially major financial blow that could put his constellation of conspiracy peddling businesses into deeper jeopardy. He has already been banned from YouTube, Facebook and Spotify over violating hatespeech policies.

The trial involving the parents of two Sandy Hook families is only the start for Jones; damages have yet to be awarded in separate defamation cases for other families of the 2012 massacre in Newtown, Connecticut.

The lawsuits do not ask jurors to award a specific dollar amount against Jones.

dollar amount against Jones.
During the first round of questioning from attorneys

for the families, several potential jurors in the initial pool of more than 100 said they held strong beliefs on free speech and questioned whether any punitive damages would be fair. A few others said they would struggle to assign damages that could reach \$100 million or more. Yet others said that although they also believe in the principles of free speech, they would not have a problem assigning damages — even a large amount of money -

for blatant falsehoods that might have caused harm. Courts in Texas and Connecticut have already found Jones liable for defa-

mation for his portrayal

of the Sandy Hook massacre as a hoax involving actors aimed at increasing gun control. In both states, judges have issued default judgements against Jones without trials because he failed to respond to court orders and turn over documents.

The Texas trial begins about two months after a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, which is about 145 miles (235 kilometers) southwest of Austin. It was the deadliest school shooting in the nearly 10 years since Sandy Hook.

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Undercover drug probes lead to 4 arrests in Middletown

By Mike Mavredakis Hartford Courant

Four men were arrested in connection to undercover narcotics investigations in Middletown, police said.

During June and July, the Middletown Police Street Crime Unit conducted undercover narcotics and

quality of life operations in the Main Street area of the city. As a result of the investigations, the men were arrested and charged with possession of controlled substances with intent to sell, sale of narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with evidence and interfering with an officer, police said.

Police seized crack cocaine, powder cocaine, fentanyl and a large amount of cash during the arrests, they said.

Kenneth Hofler, 26, of Middletown was arrested on June 29 and charged with the sale of narcotics, attempting to commit evidence tampering and three misdemeanors, according to court records. He is being held on a \$25,000 bond.

Michael Rosado, 36, of New Britain was arrested on July 1 and charged with the sale of narcotics, possession of narcotics with intent to sell and a misdemeanor drug charge, according to court

records. He was released on a \$250,000 bond.

Kaseem Harris, 46, of Middletown was arrested on July 7 and charged with possession of narcotics with intent to sell or distribute and tampering with physical evidence, according to court records. He is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

Police also arrested a 50-year-old man from Middletown as a part of the investigations. He was charged with two misdemeanors, according to court records.

All four men have appeared in court. Investigations into the area around Main Street remain ongoing.

BRIEFS

Middletown firefighters battle fire in extreme heat

Firefighters were forced to deal with extreme heat fighting an attic fire in Middletown early Monday morning, according to the Middletown Fire Depart-

Fire personnel were called to a home on Old Mill Road around 12:35 a.m. on Monday. The fire was reportedly coming from a gable vent on the front of the house, which is a vent typically placed near the roof of the home.

Responders made two ventilation holes in the roof, the fire department said. The fire was contained to the attic.

A second alarm was triggered due to the heat the firefighters were facing, according to the fire department. It was a measure taken to keep them safe.

All residents were able to evacuate from the home. No injuries were reported, according to the fire department.

The Fire Marshal's Office is conducting the investigation.

Two more hospitalized this weekend in Hartford

Two men were hospitalized with gunshot wounds late Sunday night in the fourth shooting in Hartford over the weekend, according to police.

The Hartford Police Department responded to a ShotSpotter notification near 63 Seyms St. before midnight Sunday. Upon arrival, they found a man in his 30s with gunshot wounds. The man, who was alert and conscious, was taken to an area hospital for treatment, Lt. Aaron Boisvert

Moments later, another victim, a man in his 40s, showed up at an area hospital with gunshot wounds from the same shooting, according to Boisvert. He was also alert and conscious, police said.

This was the fourth reported shooting in Hartford over the weekend, after two on Main Street and another on Wethersfield Avenue. In total, six people were reportedly injured in Hartford shootings this weekend. According to Boisvert, none of the shootings were related.

The Hartford Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions are investigating the

shooting. Anyone with information is asked to call the HPD police tip line at 860-722-8477.

Canterbury man killed in one-car crash

A Canterbury man died in a singlecar crash after losing control of his car in Stafford on Saturday, according to the Connecticut State Police.

Troop C responded to a one-car accident around 11:30 p.m. on Saturday. A Kia Sportage was traveling south on Furnace Road in Stafford when the driver lost control and skid off the roadway. He hit two poles, shattering one and scuffing another, according to police.

Luis Enrique Aguilar-Ceron, 40, was pronounced dead at the scene by Stafford EMS, police said.

The accident is under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Preston Zdrojeski from Troop C at 860-896-3200.

New Canaan police report string of car break-ins

Five vehicles were reportedly broken into and robbed at parks in New Canaan on Sunday, according to local police.

The New Canaan Police Department said in a release that within a two-hour span Sunday afternoon, people reported five larcenies at Waveny Park and Irwin Park. Four of the vehicle owners reported a car window being smashed and the other had reportedly left their keys on the left

A medical bag and four purses were reportedly stolen from the vehicles, police said. Payment items, identification and vaccination cards and headphones were reported stolen from those bags, among

Police are analyzing footage to try to identify suspects, they said.

New Canaan Police have investigated 22 larcenies from vehicles in 2022, down from 26 in the same time period in 2021. They advise residents to lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of their cars, police said.

- Mike Mavredakis, Courant staff



Iverson Jean Philippe, operations and development manager at Oath Pizza, prepares pizzas at the first location in Connecticut, in West Hartford. Oath Pizza is headquartered on Nantucket. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

choke hearts, baby spinach,

Pizza

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Trevithick said customers should keep that speed in mind when ordering with the Oath app. The Blue Back Square location is almost entirely takeout-oriented, with just a few tables.

Sauce can be tomato, basil pesto (without pine nuts,) garlic oil or truffle spread. Cheese options are mozzarella blend, feta, ricotta, fresh mozzarella or vegan. Proteins include pepperoni, Italian sausage, smoked bacon, roasted chicken or Beyond crumbles. Veggie topping options are artibanana peppers, pineapple, green peppers, jalapenos, kalamata olives, mushrooms, pickled red onion, red onion, roasted cherry tomatoes, roasted garlic and roma tomatoes. Additional garnishes are balsamic, BBQ, crushed red pepper, ranch, scallions, spicy aioli, sriracha and wild Italian oregano. Pizzas come in person-

al-sized thin crust or largesize thick crusts. Large thick crust pizzas start at \$21 and build from there based on the number of toppings. Personal cheese pizzas are \$11 and up.

Sides like cheesy garlic breadsticks (\$8) and BBQ bacon breadsticks (\$9) look like pizzas, but smaller and with different ingredients. So does one dessert, chocolate chunk cookie pizza, which sells for \$8 and has chocolate chunk cookie dough, ricotta, chocolate drizzle and powdered sugar, on a little crust. Kids' pizzas are \$7 to \$8. Salads are avail-

Oath Pizza, 67 Memorial Road in Blue Back Square in West Hartford, is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Find more at oathpizza.com.

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Housing

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which has become a major effort for the town.

The state is pressing all 169 municipalities to ensure that at least 10% of their housing is available at affordable rates. Generally, affluent suburbs and small, rural towns have well under the 10% goal. Brookfield, for instance, is at about 5.6 %; Granby is under 4%, and Westport is 3.7%. The pattern is the opposite for larger, poorer cities; New London and Waterbury each report more than 20% affordable housing rates, for instance.

Jim Mahoney, Berlin's economic development coordinator, said in a report earlier this year that the town has surpassed the 9% mark, and is getting closer to 10%. He cited Deming Ridge as one of three new projects that will help.

The town managed to get the level up by from about 7% in 2011 to 9.02% two years ago, he said.

"This increase in the supply of affordable housing is a result of intentional efforts by the town over the

past two decades to expand the supply of affordable housing in Berlin," he

In the case of Deming Ridge, the planning and zoning commission modified its regulations in 2019 and 2020 to provide for workforce housing on the

The town has a need for affordable housing, Mahoney wrote, noting that nearly half of renter households in town earn less than the area median income.

"These households often experience housing instability, may rely on housing assistance, and typically spend more on housing as a percentage of their overall income than higher income households," he wrote.

"The rental supply is tight at both the lowest end and high end of the income spectrum. For extremely low-income renter households, the supply of affordable and available units is especially limited," he wrote. "There are 505 units that are likely rented by households with lower incomes who are likely spending more than they should on housing costs."

Republicans

House and voted for her at the convention. There is no chatter about the fast-approaching primaries.

The race got a jolt last week from Levy attacking Klarides, the former leader of the Republican minority in the Connecticut House, in messages to supporters and a TV commercial that, together, drew gasps for their

Klarides, who was largely the face and voice of the GOP during six years as the House minority leader, really was a Democrat in disguise.

The ad faulted Klarides for acknowledging systemic racism in condolences on Twitter to African-Americans after the police killing of George Floyd two years ago, and it falsely accused her of helping Democrats "cheat

Democrats

affordability for residents,

especially those on fixed

finances, I get that we have to

make tough choices between

good things so that we can all

continue to afford to live in

Connecticut," Osborne said.

"I'm willing to make really

hard choices between really

good things that everybody

wants to make sure that

everybody has what they

Osborne said she consid-

ers herself a pragmatic

Democrat and a pro-woman

candidate. Osborne said that

she would want to tackle

the court system to ensure

equitable outcomes for

domestic violence victims,

something she became

deeply acquainted with when

she opened her family and

his experience in govern-

ment, he sees himself as a

Wellman said that through

juvenile law office in Avon.

'When it comes to

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with mail-in ballots."

Tim Saler, the national GOP consultant advising Levy's campaign, defended the ad's line that Klarides "accused America of systemic racism," saying most Republicans would disagree that systemic racism exists in the U.S.

He offered no example of absentee-ballot fraud in Connecticut arising from passage of a law temporarily allowing voters to use COVID-19 as excuse to vote by absentee in 2020.

Klarides' support was not an outlier: The bill passed by votes of 144-2 in the House and 35-1 in the Senate.

The new ad cast Levy, a longtime player in establishment Republican fundraising, as an outsider in the mold of Trump and asserted, "After 22 years in office, Themis Klarides isn't one of

A majority of delegates to the Republican State Convention, including many who hold public office or chair local Republican town committees, would beg to differ.

With 56.8% of the vote, Klarides, 56, easily won a first-ballot endorsement at the convention in May despite publicly acknowledging she did not vote for Trump in 2020. Instead, she said she cast a protest write-in vote.

Klarides is a fiscal and law-and-order conservative, endorsed by the Connecticut State Police Union. But she voted for the post-Sandy Hook gun controls, the codification of gay marriage in state law and is a defender of abortion rights, all potential liabilities in a low-turnout Republican primary.

Levy, 65, of Greenwich, was a commodities trader in her 20s, turning to philanthropy and eventually political fundraising after marriage and motherhood. Her reward for being a prolific GOP rainmaker was a seat on the Republican National Committee in 2017 and a nomination by Trump as ambassador to Chile in 2019. The then Republican-controlled Senate never voted on her confirmation.

A supporter of abortion rights in 2012 and critic of Trump in 2016, Levy has since repudiated both positions.

Levy asserts Klarides deserves blame for Gov. Ned Lamont's touting Connecticut's support for abortion rights to out-of-state companies as a reason to do business here.

Lumaj, 55, of Fairfield, is running for statewide office for the fourth time in 10 years. He dropped out of a Senate race before the primary in 2012, lost an election as the GOP nominee for secretary of the state in 2014, and failed to qualify for a gubernatorial primary in 2018.

At the debate Tuesday at 8 p.m. on WTNH, Channel 8, Klarides can expect to be the target of gibes disqualifying her in the eyes of conservative voters. Her challenge will be making a rebuttal that does not cost her in Novem-

Jones

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The 2012 Connecticut shooting killed 20 first graders and six educators. Families of eight of the victims and an FBI agent who responded to the school are suing Jones and his company, Free Speech

Jones has since acknowledged that the shooting took place. During a deposition in April, Jones insisted he wasn't responsible for the suffering that Sandy Hook parents say they have endured because of the hoax conspiracy, including death threats and harassment by Jones'

'No, I don't (accept) responsibility because I wasn't trying to cause pain and suffering," Jones said, according to the transcripts made public this month. He continued: "They are being used and their children who can't be brought back (are) being used to destroy the First Amendment."

Jones claimed in court records last year that he had a negative net worth of \$20 million, but attorneys for Sandy Hook families have painted a different financial picture.

Court records show that Jones' Infowars store, which sells nutritional supplements and survival gear, made more than \$165 million between 2015 and 2018. Jones has also urged listeners on his Infowars program to donate money.

Associated Press reporter Paul J. Weber contributed to this report.

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served with Klarides in the

"It's quiet, whisper quiet," Sawyer said.

content, tone and timing.

One missive claimed

bridge builder.

"I know that I can bring people together," Wellman said. "When I was first selectman for both of my terms. I had a board that was three Democrats and three Republicans, and I'm so proud of what we were able

party on areas that we have in common." For Wellman, if elected, the environment will be a major focus. He said that he wants to make Connecticut a leader in reducing emissions and cancer-causing chemicals, increasing sustainability and preparing Connecticut

to get done. I know that I will

work with anybody of any

down the road. Both candidates said the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is a key motivator in their campaigns as they seek to protect women and

for extreme weather events

LGBTQ rights. Wellman and Osborne voiced fears of giving Republicans an additional seat in the General Assembly at a

moment when the end of federal abortion protections leaves the decision with state legislatures. But Mike Paine, the Republican competitor in the November election, disagrees.

"I think that is an incorrect statement," Paine said. "[Abortion] is not a party issue. This is a personal issue. A woman's right can be, should be, and is protected in the state of Connecticut, and I will continue to support that and protect that."

Paine, the president of Paine's Inc. Recycling and Rubbish Removal with a history of civic involvement, said that if elected, he would focus on increasing affordability for residents, supporting schools and local business, limiting budget increases and lowering town expenses by funding or eliminating unfunded mandates.

Paine said that he would want to "bring practicality and common sense" to legislation passed in Hartford to make sure laws are achievable, not aspirational.

Paine said that he has no preference for who he might compete against this Novem-

Osborne said that she is the best Democrat to take on Paine, citing her performance in the 2020 election. In that cycle, Osborne ultimately lost the election for state senate in other towns, but in Simsbury outperformed her Republican competitor by a margin of 1,479. With 8,583 votes, Osborne said she became the highest Connecticut Democratic vote-getter in Simsbury history.

Wellman points to the fact that while Osborne might have gotten more votes, Wellman has never lost a race and he won against Paine previously. In the 2017 municipal election, Wellman defeated Paine for the first selectman spot by a margin of 34 votes. During his reelection campaign in 2019, Wellman beat his Republican competitor Cheryl Cook by 946 votes.

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CONNECTICUT

3 books target state's music, legendary women, ghosts

Oakdale [

By Christopher Arnott Hartford Courant

Connecticut history can be arranged in many different ways. One could construct a workable history of Connecticut based solely around famous buildings (from the Old State House to the PEZ Visitor Center), roads (from the Post Road to Interstate 95), parks (from Putnam Memorial Park to Bushnell Park) or movies (from "Amistad" to "The

Three recently published books form dynamic pictures of Connecticut's past, shaped for the most part around places that can still be visited. They take novel approaches to specific facets of the multifarious state and provide a living portrait of how the state grew and changed — as long as you accept that the term "living" can encompass the dead and undead.

Here are three recent Connecticut-focused books for some summer reading.

"New England's Notable Women: The Stories and Sites of Trailblazers and

Connecticut figures prominently in this collection of profiles of famous New England women. With nine entries, we're second

The book's best feature is that, besides the useful biographical essays on each woman, it's a travel guide, describing places where women's achievements are celebrated. The entry on Mabel Osgood Wright spotlights the still-thriving Birdcraft Museum and Sanctuary she founded in Fairfield in 1914. Yale-educated sculptor Maya Lin is noted for "The Women's Table" outside of the university's Sterling Library, a tribute to the legacy of women enrolled at Yale between 1873 and 1993. Katharine Hepburn is represented by the arts center that bears her name in Old Saybrook, and Prudence Crandall and her school, Florence Griswold and her museum (listed under its original purpose, "Art Colony Boardinghouse") and "Harriet Beecher's Stowe's Final Home" all naturally

The book also stirs interest in lesser-known historic homes such as the family home of Theodate Pope Riddle in Farmington and Caroline Ferriday's Country Home in Bethlehem. The most enlightening entry might be the one devoted to Kathleen Moore, who was a lighthouse keeper in Bridgeport's



Patricia Harris includes nine "notable" Connecticut women in her new book. from writers to educators to a lighthouse keeper. **GLOBE PEQUOT PRESS**

Moore had to wait until after her father's

death in 1871 to be officially recognized as

the head lighthouse keeper" - performing

tasks she started doing as a child around 1817.

"Historic Connecticut Music Venues: From

For Connecticut music fans, this book,

which should be read in tandem with

Renzoni's earlier effort "Connecticut Rock

'n' Roll — A History," carves out a fairly

narrow slice of the past. Its primary audi-

ence is Baby Boomers who came of age when

the state's drinking age had not yet turned

from 21 to 18, when nightclubs were bigger,

rock bands were more widely traveled and

local radio stations could turn a hometown

certain sliver of mainstream rock and rolland

does not follow classical music, rap, or even

folk. There is no mention of the legendary

Exit Coffeehouse. Renzoni overlooks land-

mark punk/new wave venues such as Ron's

Place (where R.E.M. famously played as

early as 1981), The Grotto, The Moon (where

Some venues are extolled for world-fa-

mous acts that played there: The Doors at

New Haven Arena, Bob Dylan at Yale's Wool-

sey Hall and elsewhere and U2 at Toad's

Place, New Haven Coliseum and Hartford

Civic Center. Others are lauded as launch-

ing pads for top regional acts. When list-

ing the locals, Renzoni's main affinity (as in

his earlier book) is for the guitar bands and

party bands that ruled the state in the 1960s

Nirvana played) and The Tune Inn.

"Connecticut music venues," refers to a

By Tony Renzoni (The History Press, 2022)

the Coliseum to the Shaboo"

record into a regional hit.

HISTORIC CONNECTICUT

Tony Renzoni's "Historic Connecticut Music Venues"

mostly celebrates local rock 'n' roll clubs and theaters from the mid-20th century. THE HISTORY PRESS

TRUE CHOST STORIES OF CONNECTICUT FIRST-HAND PARANORMAL ACCOUNTS BY INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPERIENCED THE OCCURRENCES CHARLES F. ROSENAY!!!

Dozens of Connecticut residents share their supernatural encounters in "True Ghost Stories of Connecticut." KIWI **PUBLISHING**

and 1970s. These include The Scratch Band (whose vocalist Christine Ohlman is still playing out today with Rebel Montez), Flying Tigers (formed by members of the original Alice Cooper Group), The Wild Weeds (featuring Al Anderson, later of NRBQ and now a solo star) and Bram Rigg Set (whose drummer Beau Segal once ran The Oakdale, which was founded by his father). More recent local acts that get noticed here tend to be of the jam band genre, mainly those who appeared at the Gathering of the Vibes Festival, which is afforded its own short chapter in the book.

"Historic Connecticut Music Venues" ends with three random-seeming appendices: "Interviews with Two Hall of Fame Legends," Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones and Felix Cavaliere, by dint of them each having lived a good chunk of their lives in Connecticut; "The Amazing and Mysterious Saga of the Mega-Hit Song 'Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye' Recorded by a Bridgeport Trio," memorializing the band Steam; and a gratuitous 11 pages of photos that could've been put elsewhere in the book but weren't.

Despite the lack of organization and huge gaps of knowledge, the book is ultimately more charming than frustrating. Renzoni is a devoted booster of a specific scene he knows well, and he glorifies them in a way that makes you want to seek out collectible old records, photos and videos of that time. The book jumpstarts nostalgic urges for those who recall places like the Hartford State Theatre, which closed in 1962 and hosted everyone from local legends The Five Satins to Buddy Holly and Chuck Berry. The Bushnell may not be recognized for having Patti Smith there just three years ago but is remembered for booking Jimi Hendrix in 1968 and The Who in 1969 and also supporting locals like Gene Pitney and The Fifth

There may be a lot of local music history missing, but there are worse places to start.

"True Ghost Stories of Connecticut" By "Cryptmaster Chucky" aka Charles F. Rosenay!!! (Kiwi Publishing, 2022)

Ghosts don't often appear randomly. Typically they seem to haunt places where they once dwelled or died or were buried. The backstories of supernatural manifestations, therefore, can be vastly more interesting than the appearances themselves.

There's a good-sized number of books on hauntings in Connecticut out there, but "True Ghost Stories of Connecticut" adds new material to the genre. Local entertainment promoter Charles Rosenay!!! (the exclamation points have been legally attached to his surname for decades and come in handy here) asked a variety of acquaintances to recount their firsthand experiences with the supernatural.

Some of the best-known haunted areas of the state are duly invoked (the spooky forest in Dudleytown and the Sterling Opera House in Derby each get two chapters), with present-day experiences. Some of the locations are obvious places: cemeteries, native burial grounds, Newgate Prison or Fairfield Hills Asylum. Others haven't been on the map before. Mike Cronin of the 2 Brothers Extreme Paranormal investigation teams describes "The New Demon House of Derby," which he uncovered just last year, and Paul Longo, the publisher of the Ghost Watch magazine and website, contributes a creepy encounter that happened at his childhood home in Stratford.

Many of those sharing their stories are true believers, while others are converts who were shaken by their brushes with the unknown. Some of the tales are accompanied by photographic evidence of shadowy figures. Several stories involve Connecticut's supreme ghost-hunting couple, the late Ed and Lorraine Warren.

What centers this book is everyone's desire to find out more about the spirits they've encountered. This leads to fresh research and perspectives on Connecticut history and culture that you won't find else-

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By Patricia Harris (Globe Pequot Press, 2022)

only to Massachusetts among the six states.

make the cut.

Black Rock Harbor for over 60 years.

"Chalk it up, perhaps, to government bureaucracy," Harris writes, "but Kathleen

Growth of Catholic hospitals impacts reproductive health care

One is trying to merge with Day Kimball

By Susan Haigh and David Crary Associated Press

Even as numerous Republican-governed states push for sweeping bans on abortion, there is a coinciding surge of concern in some Democratic-led states that options for reproductive health care are dwindling due to expansion of Catholic hospital networks.

These are states such as Oregon, Washington, California, New York and Connecticut, where abortion will remain legal despite the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling overturning Roe v. Wade.

Concerns in these blue states pertain to such services as contraception, sterilization and certain procedures for handling pregnancy emergencies. These services are widely available at secular hospitals but generally forbidden, along with abortion, at Catholic facilities under the Ethical and Religious Directives set by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The differing perspectives on these services can clash when a Catholic hospital system seeks to acquire or merge with a non-sectarian hospital, as is happening now in northeastern Connecticut. State officials are assessing a bid by Catholic-run Covenant Health to merge with Day Kimball Healthcare, an independent, financially struggling hospital and health care system based in the town of Putnam.

"We need to ensure that any new ownership can provide a full range of care including reproductive health care, family planning, gender-affirming care and end-of-life care," said Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, a

Lois Utley, a specialist in tracking hospital mergers, said her organization, Community Catalyst, has identified more than 20 municipalities in blue or



Residents from various communities in mostly rural northeastern Connecticut stage a protest July 18 outside Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. The protesters are concerned with Day Kimball Healthcare's plans to affiliate with Covenant Healthcare, a Catholic health system that abides by directives set by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. SUSAN HAIGH/AP

purple states where the only acute care hospitals are Catholic.

"We are definitely sliding backwards in terms of comprehensive reproductive health," Utley said. "Catholic systems are taking over many physician practices, urgent care centers, ambulatory care centers, and patients seeking contraception won't be able to get it if their physician is now part of that system."

According to the Catholic Health Association, there are 654 Catholic hospitals in the U.S., including 299 with obstetric services. The CHA savs more than one in seven U.S. hospital patients are cared for in a Catholic facil-

The CHA's president, Sister Mary Haddad, said the Catholic hospitals provide a wide range of prenatal, obstetric and postnatal services while assisting in about 500,000 births annually.

"This commitment is rooted in our reverence for life, from conception to natural death," Haddad said via email. "As a result, Catholic hospitals do not offer elective abortions."

Protocols are different for dire emergencies when the mother "suffers from an urgent, life-threatening condition during pregnancy," Haddad said. "Catholic health clinicians provide all medically indicated treatment even if it poses a threat to the

unborn."

This approach is now being mirrored in several states imposing bans that allow abortions only to save a mother's life. There is concern that doctors governed by such bans whether a state law or a Catholic directive may endanger a pregnant woman's health by withholding treatment as she begins to show ill effects from a pregnancy-related problem.

Charles Camosy, professor of medical humanities at the Creighton University School of Medicine, says critics of the mergers fail to acknowledge a major benefit of Catholic health care expansion.

"These mergers take place because Catholic institutions are willing to take on the really hard places where others have failed to make money," he said. "We should focus on what these institutions are doing in a positive way — stepping into the breach where virtually no one else wants to go, especially in rural areas.

That argument has resonance in mostly rural northeast Connecticut, where Day Kimball serves an aging population of about 125,000. Kyle Kramer, Day

Kimball's CEO, said the 104-bed hospital has been seeking a financial partner for more than seven years and would soon face "very serious issues" if it had to continue on its own.

State college system cutting costs, battling dropping enrollment

By Ginny Monk CT Mirror

Officials in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system are planning cost-cutting measures in the upcoming year to combat revenue losses from declining enrollment.

The moves — which include cutting programs and not filling positions following retirements — are controversial among some faculty members, many of whom think the way to improve enrollment isn't through cuts but through bolstering programming and services for students. The problems within the system's finances, they argue, start with a lack of state support.

"Faculty have experienced the impact of it cost-cutting measures], and so have the students," said Brendan Cunningham, an economics professor at Eastern Connecticut State Univer-

The state's public higher education system, which has a budget of about \$1.5 billion, has been mired in financial woes for years, notably at Western Connecticut State University where President John Clark recently stepped down following a vote of no confidence from the faculty senate earlier this year.

"We need to be more efficient and effective in the way we allocate resources that are commensurate with outcomes, impact, and ultimately student success," CSCU spokesman Leigh Appleby said in an email. "We are simply not where we want to be right now, and major change is needed if we hope to not only survive, but ultimately thrive."

Appleby cited several improvements to programs and grants, including the implementation of the Guided Pathway program which he said officials expect to have a "dramatic impact on student retention and enrollment." Guided Pathway aims to streamline students' paths through college.

With the exception of Charter Oak State College, all system schools project a balanced budget for fiscal

year 2023. Charter Oak is expecting a loss of \$1.2 million because of some one-time program start-up costs and the timing of the SEBAC agreement payments, according to a June presentation to the

Board of Regents.

A part of that balanced budget came from about \$300 million in one-time American Rescue Plan Act funding from the state that covered an additional payroll period, which cost about \$18.4 million. Central State Connecticut University, for example, would have had a deficit of just over \$1 million without the one-time fund-

The Board of Regents increased fiscal year 2022-23 tuition and mandatory fees for full-time community college students who pay out of pocket by \$112 per semester and for state university students by \$291 per semester. Tuition at Charter Oak will not increase.

The system has predicted a more than \$250 million budget shortfall from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023 because of employee raises, fringe benefits, an additional payroll period and a decrease in enrollment because of COVID-19, according to CSCU.

The system is also undergoing a merger of its 12 community colleges into one, which will move hundreds of employees into new positions, titles and organizations.

A 2021 report attributed the "weakened" performance of the state system from 2016 to 2019 to a decline in revenue from state appropriations and certain non-academic services, such as student housing and dining, combined with increases in non-personnel

The report, developed by two professors for the American Association of University Professors, examined data from 2013 to 2020. The last year saw declines in revenue partly due to the pandemic.

"Overall, despite the decline in performance, the CSCU System has sufficient reserves to bridge any losses from the pandemic,"

the report says. "The longterm decline in enrollment is concerning, but can mostly be managed through attrition of personnel."

At its last meeting, the Board of Regents passed a spending plan that includes cost-cutting measures. Among those measures are program cuts and reduc-

For example, in June, the board approved the discontinuation of the Gerontology certificate program at Central CT State University.

While not all programs need to earn money, university officials are considering their solvency under the latest spending plan, said Ben Barnes, CSCU's chief financial officer.

"There are some programs that we would like to review and get out of because they are chronically under-enrolled and don't seem to be meeting the needs of our students now," Barnes said. We are interested in offering programs that are attractive to students and helping them meet their educational goals. If that's not the case, we need to change those programs or get out of them."

Cunningham said the system is "putting the cart in front of the horse" with this method. He said much of the revenue loss has been attributed to dropping enrollment, but that the subsequent program slashing may lead to a further loss in enrollment.

It's also lead to an increased workload for some faculty, he said.

He thinks the state should invest more into higher education. The percentage of system revenue that comes from the state declined by several percentage points from 1987 to 2020, Cunningham said.

We are not offering them [students] what we used to," he added.

Some schools in the system cost-cutting plan are opting to capitalize on a wave of retirements by not filling the empty positions to save money. Systemwide, there have been close to 730 retirements of fulltime employees in fiscal year 2022, about 14% of total fulltime positions.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE For July 2022 Collection

Office of the Tax Collecto

TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED ON JUNE

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the town of Killingworth, that the first installment of Real Estate and Personal installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2021, is due and payable on July 1, 2022. Motor Vehicle taxes are also due on July 1, 2022, in one installment.

If not paid on or before August 1, 2022 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of 18% per annum (1 ½ % for each month or fraction thereof) dating back to the original due date of the bill. Two months of interest will be due on August 2, 2022. A minimum interest charge of \$2.00 is A minimum interest charge of \$2.00 is applicable to each delinquent tax bill

You may pay by mail. Checks should be You may pay by mail. Checks should be made payable to: Tax Collector. Mail postmarked on or before August 1, 2022 will be considered an on-time payment. (US Postal Service postmark only) You may also leave payments in the dropbox located next to the main door at Town Hall or pay online at www.townofkillingworth.com.

As a matter of law, the taxpayer is liable to the town for the tax installment(s) as they become due and payable. Liability is not created by, nor dependent upon receipt of a tax bill. Therefore, failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the requirement to pay the statutorily required interest when a late payment is made.

Michele B. Nuhn, CCMC, CCMO Tax Collector 6/24, 7/8 &7/26/22 7223833

INVITATION TO BID

BID #2022-015 CONTRACTED LEAF COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING SERVICES PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sealed proposals, addressed to the Supervisor of Purchases, City of Middletown, Room 112, Municipal Building, Middletown, Connecticut, will be received until Friday, August 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM for the following:

Bid documents may be obtained at the Purchasing Office, Room 112, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT., Monday - Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a fee of \$.50 per page. It is preferred that they are downloaded free of charge on the City of Middletown web site: www.MiddletownCT.gov. All questions concerning this bid should be directed in writing to the Purchasing Department via fax at 860-638-4895 or email at purchasse@MiddletownCT.gov. email at purchase@MiddletownCT.gov

Bids will not be publicly opened in the Municipal Building, however, bids will be opened and read aloud via Webex. Additional information and a link will be provided on our website www. middletownct.gov for those interested in

viewing the bid opening via Webex.

The City of Middletown reserves the right The City of Middletown reserves the right to waive any defect or any irregularity in any bid and reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof. Bids, and amendments to bids received after the time set for the bid opening will not be considered. All bids must be completely filled out when submitted. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the City of Middletown's written consent. Withdrawal of any bid must be submitted in writing to the City must be submitted in writing to the City of Middletown.

All bids and proposals are subject to, and must comply with the equal opportunity and non-discriminatory provisions set forth in the Affirmative Action Plan of the City of Middletown.

Dated: 07/26/2022

Donna L. Formato, CPPB, NIGP-CPP

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City of Middletown Office of the Tax Collector LEGAL NOTICE – TAX BILLS ARE DUE JULY 1, 2022

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Middletown that the first half of Real Estate, Personal Property half of Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes on the 2021 Grand List, which covers the taxable year beginning October 1, 2021, become due and payable to the City of Middletown on July 1, 2022. Payment of bills OVER \$100.00 may be made in full or in two installments and hills of \$100.00 or \$100.00 may be made in full or in two installments and bills of \$100.00 or less MUST be paid in full. If the first half is not paid on or before August 1, 2022 then it shall become delinquent and interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum (1 1/2% per month) will be figured from the installment due date of JULY 1, 2022. The Statutory minimum interest charge is two dollars interest charge is two dollars.

NO BILLS WILL BE SENT FOR THE SECOND HALF PAYMENT.

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Lee Muscatello, CCMC,

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ESTATE OF George J. Richard, Late of Higganum (22-0442)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 18, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Jennifer A. Richard c/o GARY GREENE, GREENE LAW, P.C., 11 TALCOTT NOTCH ROAD, FARMINGTON, CT 06032

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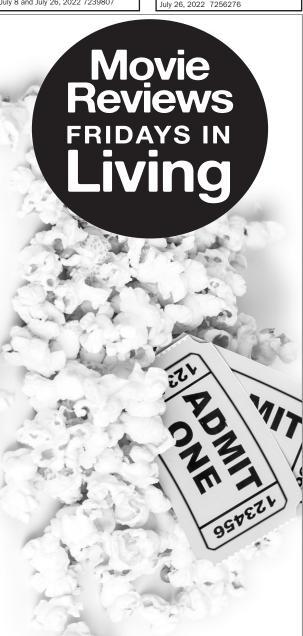
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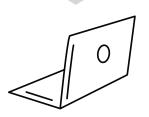
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BUSINESS

Poultry producers facing lawsuit from Justice Dept.

Agency proposes \$84.8M settlement to end claims of worker mistreatment

By Michael Balsamo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department filed a lawsuit Monday against some of the largest poultry producers in the U.S. along with a proposed settlement seeking to end what it claims have been longstanding deceptive and abusive practices for workers.

The suit, filed in federal court in Maryland, names Cargill, Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms, along with a data consulting company known as Webber, Meng, Sahl and Co. and its president.

In its lawsuit, the Justice Department alleges the companies have been engaged in a multiyear conspiracy to exchange information about the wages and benefits of workers at poultry processing plants to drive down employee competition in the marketplace.

The companies did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

The government contends the data consulting firm helped share information about the workers' compensation with the companies and their executives.

By carrying out the scheme, officials allege, the companies were able to compete less intensely for workers and reduce the amount of money and benefits they had to offer their employees, suppressing competition for poultry processing workers across the board, according to court papers.

The defendants and unnamed co-conspirators in the lawsuit account for hiring about 90% of all chicken processing jobs in

The suit is the latest example of the Justice Department's antitrust enforcement targeting companies the government believes engage in anticompetitive behavior to stifle workers or harm consumers. It also comes as the department continues a broader investigation into labor abuses in the poultry industry.

"Through a brazen scheme to exchange wage and benefit information, these poultry processors stifled competition and harmed a generation of plant workers who face demanding and sometimes dangerous conditions to earn a living," said Doha Mekki, the principal deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's antitrust division.

The suit against the companies was filed with a proposed consent decree — a settlement that would require the companies to pay \$84.8 million in restitution for workers who were harmed by the unlawful information sharing network.

The settlement would also put in place a federal monitor selected by the Justice Department who would ensure compliance for the next decade.

The consent decree also would permit Justice Department lawyers and investigators to inspect the poultry processors' facilities and interview their employees to ensure they are complying with the terms, according to court documents.

The suit comes as Cargill and Continental Grain, of which Wayne Farms is a subsidiary, formed a joint venture to acquire Sanderson Farms, paying \$203 per share in cash for a company that last year processed more than 4.8 billion pounds of meat.



A home featuring a swimming pool is abutted by desert last week in Henderson, Nevada, a suburb of Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER/AP

Drought dictating pool sizes

Officials in Las Vegas place a cap on new construction in response to water worries

By Ken Ritter Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Limiting the size of new swimming pools in and around Las Vegas might save a drop in the proverbial bucket amid historic drought and climate change in the West.

Officials are taking the plunge anyway, capping the size of new swimming pools at single-family residential homes to about the size of a three-car garage.

Citing worries about dwindling drinking water allocations from the drying-up Lake Mead reservoir on the depleted Colorado River, officials in Clark County voted last week to limit the size of new swimming pools to 600 square feet of surface area.

'Having a pool in Las Vegas is like having a second car. It's that common," said Kevin Kraft, owner of a family custom pool design company in business since 1942.

Clark County figures show about 200,000 residential swimming pools in the area of 2.4 million people. Another 1,300 are

added annually.

"When you're in the desert and it's 100 degrees outside on a regular basis, it's part of life to have a pool," said Kraft, who derided the new regulations as more about 'optics" than saving water.

But Clark County Commission Chairman Jim Gibson lamented before voting in favor of the cap: "If the trends continue and the lake continues to decline, then this may be one of the least of the tough decisions that we'll be making over the course of time."

Last Thursday, the Southern Nevada Water Authority voted unanimously to send the restriction to a vote by city councils in neighboring North Las Vegas and Henderson. Authority officials and an industry trade group, the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, said they think the Las Vegas-area restriction is a first in the U.S.

The estimated 3,000 glimmering 'commercial" pools familiar to the 40 million tourists who visit Las Vegas resort hotels, motels and water parks annually, or live in apartments, will not be affected

Water use, abuse and scarcity have been hot topics during the scorching summer of 2022, particularly in Las Vegas, which averages a little more than 4 inches of rainfall per year.

Television ads urging water conservation are as common as theories about the history behind sunken boats and bodies that have surfaced in the mud as the crucial Lake Mead reservoir behind Hoover Dam

The lake providing about 90% of the Las Vegas water supply bears a telltale white mineral bathtub ring on steep lakeside cliffs showing the water line has dropped more than 170 feet since the reservoir was last

full in 1983. It's now below 30% capacity, raising the possibility it could fall so low that the dam could be unable to generate hydropower or release water downstream.

The Colorado River provides water for millions of acres of irrigation and more than 40 million people in tribes and cities in seven states and Mexico.

In the face of that, the penalty for building a pool bigger than allowed after Sept. 1 will be severe: Denial of water service.

The water authority projects the pool size restriction will save 3.2 million gallons of water the first year, increasing to 32 million gallons by 2032, still just a fraction of the nearly 91 billion gallons the region draws from the lake per year.

Russia plans deeper cuts of gas flows to Europe

Associated Press

BERLIN - Russia's Gazprom said Monday that it would further reduce natural gas flows through a major pipeline to Europe to 20% of capacity, citing equipment repairs.

The move escalates tensions over energy supplies that are dwindling just as the continent is trying to shore up its storage for

The Russian state-owned company tweeted that it would reduce "the daily throughput" of the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Germany to 33 million cubic meters as of Wednesday, saying it was shutting down a second turbine for repairs.

The head of Germany's network regulator confirmed the reduction.

Gazprom's deliveries on Monday were at 40% of full capacity when Nord Stream 1 reopened after 10 days of scheduled maintenance last week.

The German government said it rejected the notion that technical reasons would lead to further gas reductions.

We are monitoring the situation very closely in close exchange with the federal network agency and the gas crisis team," the German Economy Ministry said in a statement Monday after Gazprom's announcement. "According to our information, there is no technical reason for a reduction in deliv-

Natural gas is used to keep industry humming, generate electricity and heat homes in the winter, and concerns are rising about a possible recession if Europe does not save enough gas and rationing is required to get through the cold months.

Russia has cut off or reduced natural gas to a dozen European Union countries.

The EU's goal is to use less gas now to build storage for winter, proposing that member states voluntarily cut their gas use by 15% over the coming months.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Boeing workers expected to strike

ST. CHARLES, Mo. – Roughly 2,500 Boeing workers are expected to go on strike next month at three plants in the St. Louis area after they voted Sunday to reject a contract offer from the plane maker.

The strike is planned to begin Monday at Boeing manufacturing facilities in St. Charles County, St. Louis County and Mascoutah, Illinois.

"We cannot accept a contract that is not fair and equitable, as this company continues to make billions of dollars each year off the backs of our hardworking members," the

A Boeing spokesman said the offer included competitive raises and a retirement plan with the company matching employee contributions up to 10% of their pay.

Tesla adding \$1B to spending plan

Tesla said Monday that it was increasing spending by about \$1 billion to ramp up its factories, develop new batteries and finance other projects.

In a securities filing, Tesla said it expected capital expenditures to be \$6 billion to \$8 billion in 2022, up from an April forecast of \$5 billion to \$7 billion.

The spending increase was one of several new disclosures in Tesla's quarterly report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The automaker also said that it was under increased scrutiny from the commission and that it lost \$170 million on its investment in bitcoin.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has complained recently of startup problems at new factories in Austin, Texas, and in Germany.

Fed poised to impose another big rate hike

By Christopher Rugaber Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conflicting signs about the health of the U.S. economy have thrust the Federal Reserve into a difficult

With inflation raging at a four-decade high, the job market strong and consumer spending still solid, the Fed is under pressure to raise interest rates aggressively.

But other signs suggest the economy is slowing and might even have shrunk in the first half of the year. Such evidence would typically lead the Fed to stop raising rates or even cut them.

For now, though, the Fed is focused squarely on its inflation fight, and this week it's set to announce another hefty hike in its benchmark interest rate. Together with its previous rate increases, the Fed's moves will make borrowing costlier for individuals and companies and likely weaken the economy over time.

When it ends its latest policy meeting Wednesday, the Fed is expected to impose a second consecutive three-quarter-point hike, elevating its key rate to a range of 2.25% to 2.5%. It will be its fourth rate hike since March, when it announced a quarter-point increase.

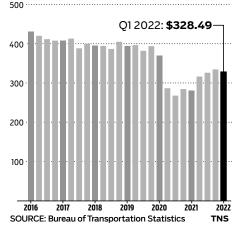
By raising borrowing rates, the Fed makes it costlier to take out a mortgage or an auto or business loan. In turn, consumers and businesses will likely borrow and spend less, cooling the economy and slow-

The Fed's hikes have already led to a doubling of the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage in the past year, to 5.5%, and home sales have tumbled. The central bank is betting it can slow growth just enough to tame inflation yet not so much as to trigger a recession — a risk that many analysts fear may end badly.

The Fed's rate hikes aren't suited to address all the causes of high inflation. Higher borrowing rates can reduce spending. But they cannot reverse other factors, notably the global shortages of food, energy, factory parts and other items, which have been worsened by Russia's war against Ukraine and COVID-19-related shutdowns in China.

Average airfare

U.S. domestic quarterly average airfare, adjusted for inflation



BUSINESS



Rivian CEO R.J. Scaringe and Amazon Vice President of Transportation Udit Madan stand by an electric vehicle on July 21 at an Amazon facility in Chicago. MUSTAFA HUSSAIN/GETTY

Rivian facing challenges in fulfilling Amazon's EV order

By Jack Ewing and Karen Weise The New York Times

Nearly three years ago, Amazon announced that it would buy 100,000 custommade delivery vehicles from Rivian Automotive, a fledgling maker of electric vehicles. Last week, after some delays, the companies said hundreds of the vans were finally on the road.

The battery-powered trucks are crucial to Rivian's business plan and survival in a competitive auto industry. They are an important element of Amazon's plan to limit carbon emissions as it builds its own fleet and relies less on contractors like UPS to deliver billions of orders.

But questions remain about how fast Rivian, about 18% of which is owned by Amazon, can fulfill the retail giant's order. The automaker, which began producing vehicles in small numbers last year, is struggling to ramp up while there are shortages of semiconductors and other components. Earlier this month, Rivian warned employees

layoffs and other cost-cutting measures.

We are making some adjustments to certain teams within the business," R.J. Scaringe, founder and CEO of Rivian, said last

He declined to say how many jobs might be cut.

Amazon has said it does not expect all 100,000 trucks to be delivered until the end of the decade. In a November securities filing, Rivian said it planned to deliver the 100,000 trucks "by 2025." Scaringe declined to say if that was still the plan, saying only that he hoped to deliver the vans sooner than Amazon was expecting them.

In January, Ross Rachey, who oversees Amazon's global fleet, said the companies expected to have 10,000 deployed as early as this year. So far, Rivian has delivered several hundred, and Amazon now expects to have "thousands" by the end of the year, said Udit Madan, vice president for transportation at Amazon.

Rivian also makes a pickup truck and a related sport utility vehicle. That that they should expect means the company is trying to ramp up two assembly lines at once — a tall order for any carmaker.

Rivian's production problems are symptomatic of the difficulties that young electric vehicle manufacturers face as they try to challenge the traditional automakers. Many are discovering how difficult and costly it is to mass-produce vehicles.

Tesla, which sells more electric cars than any other manufacturer, is the only electric vehicle maker to have gained significant market share. But that company does not yet make or sell trucks.

Amazon is not depending solely on Rivian for emission-free vehicles. It also plans to order electric vans from Stellantis and other manufacturers, albeit in smaller numbers.

Amazon has been investing heavily to build its own network of delivery contractors and already has far more than 100,000 vans, most of them diesel-powered. It delivered about 6 billion packages in the United States last year, surpassing UPS, according to estimates from Bank of

High mortgage rates, prices are locking out homebuyers

Michael Casey and Alex Veiga **Associated Press**

NEW YORK - Kyle Tomcak was looking for a home for his in-laws in the suburbs around Denver, something priced close to \$450,000.

Tomcak became dispirited as he lost out to investors fronting cash offers \$100,000 over the asking price. Then mortgage rates ballooned, putting his price range out of reach.

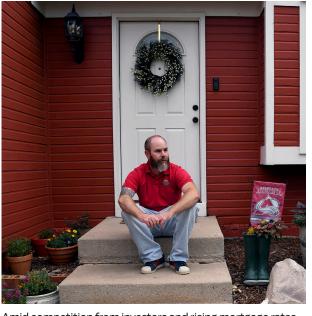
"Your buying power is less even though your payments are the same," he

Tomcak, 39 and a project manager for a commercial painting company from Aurora, Colorado, had hoped to lock in a monthly mortgage payment of \$2,350. His mortgage consultant recommended dropping the maximum price he'd pay for a home to \$300,000 then \$200,000.

Tomcak has abandoned his search for now.

The Federal Reserve has aggressively raised shortterm interest rates to fight inflation, which in turn helps push rates higher for credit cards, auto loans and mortgages. Rising mortgage rates have combined with already high home prices to discourage would-be buyers. Mortgage applications have declined sharply. Sales of previously occupied homes have fallen for five straight months, during what is generally the busiest time of year in real estate.

The rate on a 30-year mortgage averaged around 5.54% last week, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac; a year ago it was close to 2.78%. The sharp increase is leaving buyers with some unwelcome options: pay hundreds of dollars more for a mortgage, buy a smaller home or choose to live in a less desirable neighborhood or drop



Amid competition from investors and rising mortgage rates. Kyle Tomcak of Aurora, Colorado, has temporarily ended searching for a home for his in-laws. THOMAS PEIPERT/AP

out of the market, at least until rates come down.

All signals point toward the Fed continuing to raise interest rates, promising little relief for potential buyers at least for the rest

of the year. Data provided to The Associated Press by the real estate data company Redfin shows how much home a buyer could get with a \$2,000 a month mortgage payment. In Providence, Rhode Island, for example, an average buyer a year ago could have purchased a roughly 4,900-square-foot home for that size mortgage payment. Now that amount only gets a buyer a 2,200 square foot home.

In Seattle, a hotter housing market, a \$2,000a-month payment this time last year would have gotten a buyer a modest 1,300-square-foot home. That sort of payment would get them only a 950-squarefoot apartment now.

"Simply put, people cannot afford the same home as they could have a year ago," said Daryl Fairweather, an economist with

Besides pushing would-be homeowners to reconsider their home search, rising rates are also forcing a growing number of buyers who struck a deal on a house to back out. About 60,000 home-purchase deals fell through in June, representing nearly 15% of all homes that went under contract last month, according to Redfin. That's up from 12.7% in May and 11.2% a year ago.

For more than a decade, potential homebuyers were willing to put up with rising home prices because the cost of a mortgage was at historic lows. The average mortgage rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage mostly stayed below 4.5% for most of the last decade, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The financial data firm Black Knight estimates that the rise in mortgage rates has increased a typical borrower's monthly payment by 44% since the beginning of the year. Since the start of the pandemic, the average mortgage payment has doubled to more than \$2.100.

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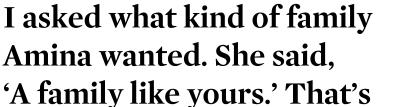
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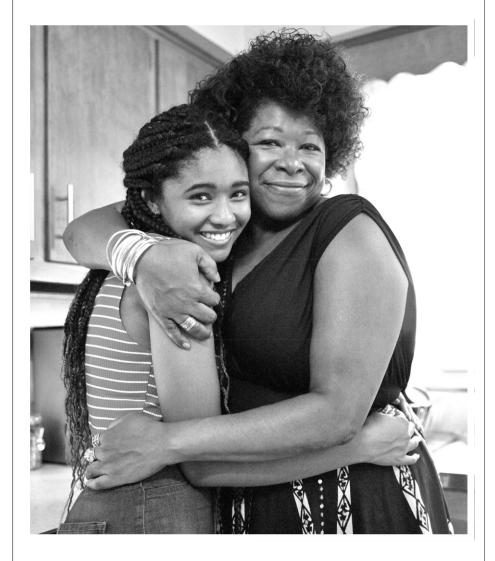
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Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	87.54	56	-39.2	MetLife Inc (MET)	61.63	+.78	-1.4
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Keycorp (KEY)	18.10	+.06	-21.7	Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	43.50	+.33	-9.3
Kidpik Corp (PIK)	2.55	+.07	-59.3	,	1235.02	+7.97	+21.8
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M&T Bank (MTB)	172.44	+3.48	+12.3	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	15.59	31	-31.1

OPINION

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I sued to preserve democracy

By Muad Hrezi

When my parents immigrated to the U.S. 30 years ago, it was in pursuit of something they had been denied: democracy. Fleeing authoritarianism, they believed it was democracy that made our country so promising. It's why they raised me and my siblings never to take our democracy for granted, and why I'm suing the state to preserve it.

Connecticut has the most restrictive ballot-access laws in the country. We're the only state to never have a primary against a sitting member of the U.S. House of Representatives. For supporters of democracy, these laws threaten voter choice and prevent the healthy, good-faith exchange of ideas and priorities that makes our democracy what it is.

As a Democrat running for U.S. House in Connecticut's 1st Congressional District, I'm no stranger to the process of getting on the ballot. It's a process that makes primary challenges nearly impossible. Worst of all, it doesn't take into account the ongoing pandemic — even though the state agrees that it remains a public health emergency.

In Connecticut, there are two ways for candidates to get on the ballot for congressional races. The first is through a party convention, where delegates, selected by party leaders, vote for their candidates of choice. Candidates who receive at least 15% of the votes get on the ballot. If they don't, candidates are required to collect signatures from 2% of registered party members in their district — 3,833 registered Democrats in my case — something incumbents virtually never have to do.

Our campaign was prepared for both scenarios. We laid the necessary groundwork, months in advance of the convention and petitioning process, to put ourselves in the best position possible to get on the ballot. We visited Democratic Town Committees across the district, some more than once; several towns told us the incumbent had rarely visited himself. We joined DTC events to support local Democratic races, including door-to-door canvasses, fundraisers for candidates and voter-registration drives.

But it wasn't enough. Of the 27 DTCs in the district, only 13 allowed me to speak at their meetings. Some DTC chairs finalized slates of convention delegates without notifying members, excluding our supporters from the process. And others who aligned with our values expressed fears that chairs would retaliate by kicking them off of DTCs if they voted for our campaign. These barriers persisted during the convention. Whereas the bylaws allowed candidates only two supporters to speak on their behalf for 10 total minutes - rules my supporters and I were strictly held to — my opponent was allowed four speakers for more than 30 total minutes.

We were prepared for the possibility that we wouldn't get the delegate votes we needed. We had already organized volunteers, hired more campaign staff and put tens of thousands of dollars toward a robust petitioning plan. But the petitioning process, too, showed us that Connecticut's ballot-access laws are more designed to keep challengers off

the ballot than to give them access to it. Our team collected signatures for as

many as 15 hours a day, seven days a week, in all kinds of weather and wherever it was possible: public parks, bus stations, homes and baseball games. All amid a pandemic that surged in the months we petitioned. Countless voters refused to open their doors or sign in fear of the virus, even though our team carried masks and was fully vaccinated. Their fears weren't unfounded: Four members of our team got COVID-19 from petitioning and others had to isolate as a result, further limiting our capacity to collect signatures. Nevertheless, we collected more than 4,900 signatures — over a thousand more than required — and enough to get us on the ballot in every other state in the country. But the state invalidated more than 1,600 of them, putting us below the threshold we needed to get on the ballot.

The hurdles our campaign has faced up to this point raise questions about the design of the process to get on the ballot in our state, but chief among them is: Should it have to take this much just to get on the ballot? To give voters a choice? To give democracy a chance?

I'm hard-pressed to believe it has to be this way. That's why I'm fighting in court to make the ballot more accessible in our state. Because voters deserve a choice. That's what democracy calls us to do. And more democracy is always the answer.

Muad Hrezi is a Democratic candidate for Congress in Connecticut's 1st District and a former policy adviser to U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy.

Blight refers to the status of vacant lots, abandoned buildings and dilapidated housing units, as well as the assumed or actual presence of environmental contamination, such as brownfields. Blight remediation involves the acquisition, rehabilitation and/or destruction of these properties. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Blight remediation and increase in affordable housing should go together

By Michelle Louise Bicking

In January 2022, Gov. Ned Lamont awarded approximately \$17.9 million in state grants to remediate 40 blighted parcels in 13 towns, including Bridgeport, Hebron, Meriden, New Britain, Ansonia and New Haven.

Through the Department of Economic and Community Development's Brownfield Remediation Program, the goal of this allotment was to reinvigorate public and private spaces, add to existing housing, mixed use and retail stock as well as increase the overall quality of life of residents in communities throughout Connecticut.

Seven months into this program, the actual percentage of Gov. Lamont's allotment that would definitively lead to a significant increase in affordable housing for the most needy of Connecticut residents has — at the time of this writing — yet to be determined.

What is blight? Blight refers to the status of vacant lots, abandoned buildings and dilapidated housing units, as well as the assumed or actual presence of environmental contamination, such as brownfields. Blight remediation involves the acquisition, rehabilitation and/or destruction of these properties. No concrete data exists that outlines approximately what percentage of blighted properties exist in Connecticut.

Blight is a direct result of both economic divestments from fleeing businesses and population loss.

Over 200,000 people have moved out of Connecticut since 2010 due to current cost of living demands. Per Pew Trusts: "From 2010 to 2020, Connecticut's population increased the equivalent of

0.09% a year."

To add insult to injury, Connecticut is at present the eighth most expensive state to

live in the United States. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, 30% of Connecticut residents are renters spending over 50% of their receivable wages on housing costs. And 66.1% of residents spend an average of \$2,076 per month on housing costs, which is the spending costs of \$2,076 per month on housing costs.

\$900 for routine bill payments.

According to a study by Charles Branas, a University of Pennsylvania epidemiologist who studied vacant lot cleanup and violence, addressing blight is directly correlated with a significant decrease in firearm and illicit drug activity. Blight mediation is positively correlated with increases in tax revenue, attracting new residents and businesses to neighborhoods and increasing property values of formerly neglected parcels.

Future efforts to redress blight should prioritize the creation of apartment units for fixed income seniors on social security and social security disability payments as well as very low wage earners.

All efforts by current and future administrations should tailor proposals to design and implement effective public-led revitalization strategies to identified community needs as explored in detail with neighborhood-based stakeholders.

Municipal-wide consensus on the definition of blighted properties or premises is critical to exploring concrete opportunities for 1) remediation incentives for current property owners of identified blighted properties and premises; 2) additional assessments; 3) hardship waivers; and 4) documented efforts to contact property owners in writing by local officials in the jurisdiction in which the properties or premises reside.

In conjunction with enshrining into law what is considered blighted, there is also a need for municipality-wide consensus of the definition of abandoned parcels and buildings, with the intention of permitting — via the process of receivership — the acquisition of foreclosures and other properties by community groups, non-stock corporations and/or specific jurisdictions as well as groups that have a verifiable claim of squatters' rights.

In respect to the acquisition process itself, land banking — as an alternative to property auctions — also serves as a timetested mechanism to secure access to blighted properties at cost, with an emphasis on title transfer of places and spaces to community-run entities in the state. Levying a land value tax on vacant and underutilized parcels would bolster local tax reserves, discourage speculation, reduce land prices, increase housing affordability and potentially encourage owners to put properties into productive use.

Lastly, it is important to recognize how beautification projects (murals, community greening efforts, lot clean-ups) as facilitated by Knox Foundation and others can anchor neighborhood revitalization projects as well as promote community buy-in for generations to come.

Connecticut residents deserve to feel safe and secure. No one should have to live, work and play surrounded by the specter of dilapidated buildings, abandoned tracts and lots strewn with litter and refuse. Despite our many differences, we have tools at hand to make Connecticut not just a place to be but to thrive. Blight remediation is just one of many strategies to push this ideal forward.

Housing stability for all, especially the needlest, is within our reach. Let's make a lasting investment in Connecticut families through the choices we make today, together.

Michelle Louise Bicking is the Connecticut Green Party candidate for governor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rep. McGee needs to ask the right questions With regard to the July 11 article "Abortion at

front of West Haven Race," I was saddened to read why Rep. Trenee McGee is an anti-abortionist. Her rationale centers on growing up in a community where Black girls, starting at age 7, were "taught about abortions as a birth-control method."

Why there wasn't more reproductive health education is a question Rep. McGee should be

asking and addressing, especially now. Because if that issue is not addressed, the situation will become increasingly dire in communities where abortion is, or will be, totally illegal, but will continue anyway. Or a 10-year-old girl could be forced to carry a pregnancy to full term with, most likely, a major impact on her life, physically and mentally.

Rep. McGee, please think beyond your youth

Rep. McGee, please think beyond your youth and consider promoting equitable reproductive health education and access to services that includes a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy.

Jennifer Glick, Wethersfield

Olmsted's 200th birthday must be noted

It is a great joy to read stories on the front page of The Hartford Courant that showcase the many extraordinary things that make Hartford special. This past week, Hands on Hartford and Elizabeth Park! Three cheers for the good work that each organization does. Please give us more.

In October 2014, you did a magnificent piece celebrating Hartford's Ring of Parks. Given this year's celebration of the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, the Father of Landscape Architecture who was born and is buried in Hartford, please revisit this story with a 2022 interpretation of the increasing importance of these urban assets and the role they play in quality of life.

Susan Lennon, Hartford *Editor's note: The Courant did a story on Olmsted on April 22, 2022.*

Don't fight for me, but work for me

As we enter the campaign season, we again are seeing a new wave of ads from candidates from both sides. Ads for the Senate race assure us that each candidate will fight. They will fight for us, or they will fight the opposition. This rhetoric is pervasive in campaign ads. I'm sure the campaign advisers claim the candidates have to say they will fight. The problem with these words is that our legislatures and our government are not boxing rings or battlefields. The opponents are Americans. They represent other Americans.

We do not make progress on complex, urgent issues by use of force or injury. These inflammatory campaign statements lead to the polarization and stalemates we see in our government. Do these "leaders" actually want their supporters to fight? We have seen what that path leads to. I don't want a politician who will fight for me. I want a politician who will work for me. Someone who will research issues, negotiate with other legislators, use their resources and imagination to develop solutions to the complex issues our state and nation face. Who is willing

Martin Van Haltern, Suffield

Dems need candidate who will invigorate party

There has been a lot of criticism of Joe Biden, but I haven't seen anyone thanking him for saving us from Donald Trump. Biden is my hero. However, as much as I respect and am grateful to him, I think we need to invigorate the Democratic party leadership with fresh blood. And that includes bypassing the natural Biden replacement candidate, Kamala Harris. She wouldn't win. It would be a repeat of the Hilary Clinton candidacy.

Can we Democrats think more about who'd be the best candidate, rather than who meets all the various (and often competitive) needs of the majority of American voters? Someone younger, experienced, charismatic and bright, with solid values and with one eye on what will be best for our grandchildren? Not someone who worries all the time about being politically correct. Someone brave and innovative and willing to try new ideas. Someone in the middle of the right and left who will appeal to the vast

majority of the middle of our two extremes.

Jesse Samuels, West Hartford

Roe could make us rewrite 'The Godfather'

In the book, and even more legendary cinematic adaptation "The Godfather" (50th anniversary this year), Vito Corleone espoused to his son Michael one of his own essential life dictums. He said, in essence, women and children can afford to be careless, while men cannot. Recent events cry out for an updated version of the Don's wisdom.

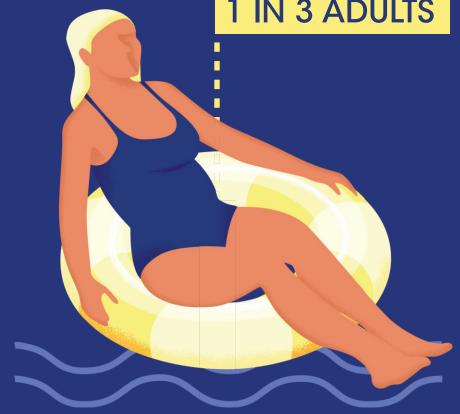
There is of course the current attempt by the right-wing press to negate the harsh reality that a 10-year-old in Ohio was raped and impregnated and had to cross state lines desperate for an abortion. Unfortunately, this heart-wrenching but predictable consequence of the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade, among other religiously and ideologically driven mandates, regretfully scream out for a modern version of Don Corleone's statement. It would go something like this: white men and women above childbearing age can afford to be careless, whereas women of childbearing age as well as Jews, Blacks, Latinos, Asians and Native Americans and certainly members of the LBGTQ community cannot. Where they can focus however, is making sure to vote, and to

vote carefully.

Norman L. Bender, Woodbridge

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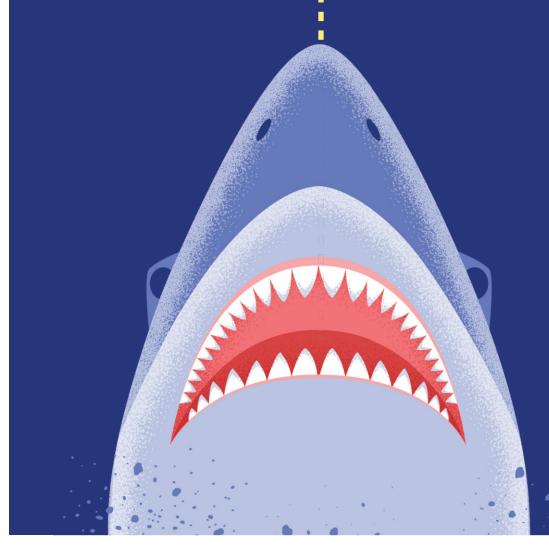


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Writer-director Jordan Peele is seen on the set of the flying saucer horror film "Nope." GLEN WILSON/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

'I HAD TO GO AS BIGAS POSSIBLE'

'Nope' filmmaker Jordan Peele weaves Hollywood fiction with reality

By Jake Coyle Associated Press

There's little in contemporary movies quite like the arrival of a new Jordan Peele film. They tend to descend ominously and mysteriously, a little like an unknown object from above that casts an expanding, darkening shadow the closer it comes.

"Nope," the writer-director's third film, is here. After Peele's singular debut, "Get Out," about the possession of Black bodies and the fallacy of post-racial America, and his follow-up, "Us," a monstrous tale of doppelgangers and societal mirrors, "Nope" brings a new set of horrors and unsettling metaphors. For Peele, who writes through shooting and considers the conversation generated by a movie one of its main

ingredients, "Nope" is far from a finished project.

"Movie's done," Peele said in a recent interview. "I'm still writing

It's Peele's most ambitious film yet, a flying saucer horror that digs into the nature of spectacle and the desire to document it — a multithreaded theme that encompasses Hollywood history and 'Nope" itself. Daniel Kaluuya and Keke Palmer star as a brother and sister in a family horse wrangling business for film productions. Their California ranch is visited by a strange and violent force in the clouds that they strive to capture

"Nope," now in theaters, also extends Peele's own self-conjured mythology. His movies are very loosely tethered together (some fictional establishments appear

in several of them), and even encompass a "Nope" theme park attraction at Universal Studios Hollywood. Peele's dark world is

increasingly ours. For Peele, "Nope" is about reaching for a kind of Hollywood movie once unattainable. He pointedly opens the film with Eadweard Muybridge's 1887 photographic study showing a Black rider on a horse. It was one of the first moving pictures. But while the name of the horse and its owner was recorded, the name of the Black jockey is

unknown. "I feel like this is the first moment that anyone would ever allow me or anyone to make this movie. And so I had to take advantage. I had to go as big as possible,"

said Peele. "I was like: 'Let's go.'" This interview with Peele has been edited for clarity and length. Q: The Eadweard Muybridge loop looms over "Nope"; your characters are said to be descendants from its unnamed rider. To you. what does it mean that the erasure of Black men was there at the foundation of cinema?

A: It's a sad part of this industry. It was something I was learning at a good point for myself in this story. I felt like five, 10 years ago, I would never have been able to sell this movie to anyone. So I'm juxtaposing this origin story of film at the same time I'm trying to make a story that's scary and joyous and adventurous and everything I love about film. It just felt very fitting for that starting point to be acknowledged and have ancestral implications for our main characters.

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Kay's series depicts 'messy, raw and real' births

'This Is Going to Hurt' goes full throttle on realism to avoid perfect little bundle trope

By Meredith Blake Los Angeles Times

"Bloody show" is a colorful term for the mixture of blood and mucus that indicates the cervix is preparing for labor.

It is one of the many strange, sticky bodily secretions you are likely to encounter for the first time when you become a parent: colostrum (yellowish early breast milk), meconium (baby's tar-like first bowel movement), vernix (the creamy white stuff often covering newborns when they're

I thought of the term again recently as I watched an episode of "This Is Going to Hurt," a darkly comic TV series following a team of stressed-out doctors and midwives in the obstetrics and gynecology ward of an under-resourced London hospi-



Ambika Mod as Shruti performs a C-section in "This is Going to Hurt." ANIKA MOLNAR/SISTER PICTURES/BBC STUDIOS/AMC

During a particularly chaotic shift, haughty chief consultant Mr. Lockhart (Alex Jennings) is showing off the facilities for a visiting politician and phalanx of reporters. He opens the door to a

newly refurbished delivery room · which, unbeknownst to him, has just been used for a water birth — and discovers what looks like the aftermath of a bathtub dismemberment a la "The Sopranos." Blood cascades across the floor in front of a tub filled with rust-colored water. Soiled linens, unable to soak up the mess, sit discarded in a heap nearby. It is quite a bloody show.

Based on a memoir by Adam Kay, "This Is Going to Hurt" features some of the most visceral depictions of labor, pregnancy and reproductive health emergencies ever to grace the small screen.

In the dizzying opening sequence, Adam, played with prickly brilliance by Ben Whishaw, finds a pregnant woman in obvious distress in the hospital parking lot and lifts her dress to discover her baby's prolapsed arm dangling between her legs.

Adam springs into action and, by the time the baby is safely delivered, via C-section, his clothes are soaked in blood. And that's just the beginning. Over the course of "This Is Going to Hurt's" seven episodes (now streaming on AMC+), you will laugh grimly as a woozy doctor passes out during a C-section and lands, face first, in a patient's open belly. You will hear the word "labia" more than you ever have in your life. You will learn what a placenta looks like, if you don't

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NOW PLAYING Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

'ELVIS': Why hasn't there been a great Elvis biopic vet? Well. Austin Butler wasn't around to star as the King of Rock 'n' Roll. At the center of Baz Luhrmann's sprawling pop epic "Elvis," a film as opulent and outsize as the King's talent and taste, Butler delivers a fully transformed, fully committed and star-making turn as Elvis Presley. Swirling around Butler's bravura performance is a manic, maximalist, chopped-and-screwed music biopic, in which Luhrmann locates Elvis as the earth-shaking inflection point between the ancient and the modern, the carnival and the TV screen, a figure of pure spectacle who threatened to obliterate the status quo – and did. Luhrmann takes Elvis Presley's legacy, relegated to a Las Vegas gag, and reminds us just how dangerous, sexy and downright revolutionary he once was. He makes Elvis relevant again. 2:39. 3 1/2 stars. Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service

'MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU': I could not possibly begin to explain just how these hot dog-shaped, banana-hued, gibberish-speaking overlords came to infiltrate our culture at every level. The grasp these inexplicable animated creatures hold on cinema is insidious, and they continue their reign of terror in their latest cinematic dispatch, "Minions: The Rise of Gru." They've overthrown their masters

in the "Despicable Me" franchise, wrestling top billing away for themselves. "The Rise of Gru" is just another "Despicable Me" movie, a supervillain origin story for beaky-nosed, scarf-wearing, evil aspirant Gru (Steve Carell). 1:27.1

star. — Katie Walsh

'MY DONKEY, MY LOVER & I': Laure Calamy shines at the center of Caroline Vignal's charming French comedy "My Donkey, My Lover & I," in a performance that earned her a Cesar Award for best actress in 2021. The original French title of the film is "Antoinette dans les Cevennes," or "Antoinette in the Cevennes," a reference to the film's inspiration, the 1879 book by Robert Louis Stevenson, "Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes." In 1878, seeking distance from an affair with a married American woman, Stevenson set out on a 12-day hiking trip in south central France with a donkey named Modestine to carry his belongings. His published travelogue is one of the first works to feature hiking and camping as a recreational activity, and his journey has since inspired many copycats to take up the Stevenson trail and retrace his steps, as our heroine, Antoinette (Calamy) does. However, it's not distance from a lover, but proximity, that Antoinette seeks when she books a last minute six-day hike with a donkey on the Stevenson trail. A fifth grade teacher, she

has been having an affair with Vladimir (Benjamin Lavernhe), the father of one of her students. When she finds out their lovers' retreat has been jettisoned so that Vladimir can hike in the Cevennes with his wife and daughter, Antoinette impulsively follows suit, with vague intentions of spontaneously running into him. In French with English subtitles. 1:37. 3 1/2 stars. - Katie Walsh

'NOPE': In "Nope," writer/ director Jordan Peele presents us with a big, shiny summer blockbuster - a cowboys and aliens riff built from the DNA of sci-fi spectacles of yore and then proceeds to vivisect the very notion of a summer blockbuster before our eyes. He wants us to question the nature of image-making, and he starts at the beginning of film history, with photographer Eadweard Muybridge. In 1878, Muybridge crafted the first known example of the "moving pictures": a two-second clip called "The Horse in Motion," made up of sequential photographs of a jockey riding a race horse. That the jockey on the horse the first person featured in the movies – is Black, and unknown, is the starting point for Peele's exploration of seeing and the seen in "Nope," which interrogates the power of images, who gets to create them, and who gets the credit. These are complex questions, but Peele has wrapped them up in an

incredibly original, and entertaining, piece of sci-fi filmmaking that is both unlike, and like, anything you've ever seen before. 2:10. 3 ½ stars. — Katie Walsh

'THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER': This is co-writer and director Taika Waititi's aggressively nutty follow-up to "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017). That film zazzed up Thor's corner of the Marvel Cinematic Universe enough to justify more of the same. "Love and Thunder" establishes in the prologue the latest threat to intergalactic extinction: an ordinary soul on a planet far, far away, played by Christian Bale, wandering with his daughter in the desert. He suffers a grievous loss and then transforms into Gorr, the God Butcher, hellbent on wiping out those privileged paragons who, in this outing, forsake mere mortals left, right and center. Chris Hemsworth's Thor is learning, uneasily, to be a more progressive and empathic specimen of godly hunk, a team player instead of a solo act. The storyline concerns, among other things, the children of New Asgard, swept up and

'TOP GUN: MAVERICK': It couldn't outmaneuver the pandemic enemy that delayed its release for two years, but "Top

kidnapped by Gorr. Their

rescue leads the A-team

2:05. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael*

Phillips, Chicago Tribune

straight to the enemy.

Gun: Maverick" can't lose, really. It's a pretty good time, and often a pretty good movie for the nervous blur we're in right now. It's cozy. And it'll be catnip for those eager to watch Tom Cruise flash That Look. What is That Look? It's the half-smile of insubordination when a superior officer (Ed Harris or Jon Hamm this time) busts test pilot and congenital speed-needer Capt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell's chops, ineffectively. It's The Look that goes with an eternally boyish voice and demeanor. Capt. Mitchell, who lives alone in the desert with his beloved Kawasaki motorcycle, is called to a new and time-sensitive duty by his old cohort Iceman (Val Kilmer), now a U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. Maverick has three weeks to train a group of new Top Gun aces to destroy a uranium enrichment plant in an unspecified but assuredly Slavic location. One of the trainees is Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller), the grudge-laden son of Maverick's late radar intercept officer, Goose, played by Anthony Edwards back when. It's silly-rousing enough to satisfy younger and older audiences alike. It may help to have hated the original, but I liked this one, even though it's not so very different from the first. Thirty-six years from now, we'll probably be watching Cruise teach-

ing a new cadre of flying

aces. Only the planet will

have changed. 2:17. 3 stars. — Michael Phillips

WHERETHE CRAWDADS SING': In 2018, retired zoologist Delia Owens, the author of the bestselling 1984 memoir "Cry of the Kalahari," published her first novel at age 69. "Where the Crawdads Sing" is set on the North Carolina coast in the 1950s and 60s, threading romance and murder mystery through the life story of a young, isolated woman, Kya, who grows up abandoned in the marsh. The story is a bit far-fetched, the characterizations broad, but there's a beauty in Owens' description of Kya's relationship to the natural world. Her derisive nickname, "the marsh girl," ultimately becomes her strength. The film is easily slotted into the Southern Gothic courtroom drama subgenre it's like "A Time to Kill" with a feminine touch. While the nature of adaptation requires compression and elision, the film dutifully tells the story that fans of the book will turn out to see brought to life on the big screen. But in checking off all the plot points, the movie version loses what makes the book work, which is the time we spend with our heroine, Kya. 2:05. 2 stars. — *Katie*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following kev: 4 stars. excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

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Q: Do you think of your movie as like an antidote to that film?

A: Yes. I've been trying to put that together. It's a sequel, it's an antidote, it's a reboot, it's an answer to the way films began and have continued.

Q: Kaluuya and Palmer's characters work on movie sets, and "Nope" centers on their attempts to capture something on film. To you, is "Nope" about the movie industry?

A: It became very meta very quick. Making a movie is basically like chasing the impossible, trying to bottle something that doesn't exist. I was inspired by films like "King Kong" and "Jurassic Park" that really deal with the human addiction to spectacle and the presentation and monetization of that. The meta part is you're commenting on this notion at the same time you're trying to utilize it and trying to create something that people can't look away from.

Q: Why do you think in writing "Nope" your thoughts went back to the beginning of film?

A: Part of the world of "Nope" is flirting with real Hollywood and the Hollywood that takes place in my liminal dreams and nightmares. In real life, of the prominent Hollywood horse trainers, there's not an African American one I'm representing. The Haywoods are a very made-up family and notion. It was fun to weave the Hollywood fiction with reality and try and make a



Actor Daniel Kaluuya, left, and writer/director Jordan Peele on the set of "Nope." GLEN WILSON/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

seamless immersion into what's real and what's not.

Q: A poster of Sidney Poitier's 1972 Western "Buck and the Preacher" is seen in several shots. Was that an important film to you? **A:** It's the first film that I know of that had Black cowboys represented in it. The myth that cowboys were just white guys running around, it's just not true, but we don't know that because of Hollywood

and the romanticized view of a very brutalized era. The film, it shares a spirit.

Q: Since seeing your film,

clouds have taken on a sinister appearance to me. What led you to build your film around that image of an unmoving cloud? A: The beauty of the sky is enthralling — the first movies, in a way. Every now and then you'll see a cloud that sits alone and is

too low, and it gives me this

vertigo, and this sense of Presence with a capital P. I can't describe it, but I knew if I could bottle that and put it into a horror movie, it might change the way people look at the sky.

Q: How much were you thinking about "Close **Encounters of the Third** Kind"?

A: Yeah, "Close Encounters" is something I think about a lot, as is "Signs" by M. Night Shyamalan. These are big-vision directors who have taken flying saucers and science fiction and have brought magic to the way they told those stories. I wanted to toss my hat in the ring to one of my favorite subgenres, in UFOs, and do it in a way only I can.

Q: Do you get asked a lot about a sequel to "Get Out"? **A:** I do get asked that a lot. Never say never. There's certainly a lot to talk about left. We'll see.

Q: After "Get Out," you suggested you would embark on a series of genre films that grapple with big societal issues. Three films in, where do you feel you are in that project?

A: I feel like I'm off to the races. I just don't know if I could limit how many films I have that are me. I'm starting to lose sight of what I would be doing if I wasn't doing movies like this. So I would say the project has extended.

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already know. And you will understand that even when it is uncomplicated, child-

birth is always messy.

"I'm sure there are some people who have absolutely uneventful, easy labors, where they're able to speak in full sentences the entire time, and look like they've just come out of makeup at the end, but that was not my experience," said Kay, the series' creator and a former National Health Service doctor in Great Britain. "I wanted this to be the one show that doctors and nurses and midwives watched and didn't go, 'It wouldn't have been like that.' We went full throttle on the realism."

The goal was to show births that were "messy, raw and real," said Lucv Forbes, who directed four episodes, including the pilot. "It was very important to me that the births weren't sanitized and (didn't feel) cheesy."

She worked with director of photography Benedict Spence to "escape the washed-out, over-lit look that you usually get in medical dramas," and was also keen to avoid "the perfect little bundle trope — a clean and pristine baby who looks too old to have just been born being handed to a mother, when in reality everything is sticky and sweaty and bloody.

Finding a way to make the show "visceral and truthful but not unpleasant" required constant

discussion among the creative team, said Kay.

There were few rules "other than to make sure we showed the audience what it's really like," said Forbes. "In reality, doctors are frequently covered in bodily fluids. It soaks through their clothes to their skin and down to their shoes."

This commitment to verisimilitude led to some darkly humorous moments on set, as when a stuntwoman who had been lying on the floor all day stood up and the blood from her pregnancy belly poured out on the floor. "It was like a scene from 'The Shining," recalled Forbes. "After a very tense day on set the whole cast and crew exploded with laughter."

And unlike many medical dramas, which use

one or two consultants to address a wide array of issues, "This Is Going to Hurt" employed 16 medical advisers with distinct areas of expertise, including midwives, nurses, obstetricians and anesthetists.

To ensure the babies who appear in the show are convincingly tiny, casting agents found parents who were due to give birth while the show was in production and were willing to hire out their newborns. (Other scenes used models and prosthetics created by Millennium

FX.)
"This Is Going to Hurt" is the cynical twin of "Call the Midwife," a period drama about a group of midwives operating in the impoverished East End of London in the 1950s and 1960s. After more than

a decade on the BBC, it remains one of the mostwatched programs in the U.K., where it airs at a family friendly hour and must be judicious in its use of blood and gore. (Stateside, new seasons air on PBS and older seasons are

available on Netflix.) Despite these restraints. "Call the Midwife" is refreshingly, even radically matter-of-fact about the reality of inhabiting a reproductive body. With cheerful efficiency, the midwives cycle around the streets of Poplar, collecting urine samples and snipping umbilical cords. They have witnessed, firsthand, virtually every physical and emotional complication related to childbearing, and understand what makes pregnancy so perilous for many of their

patients. Perhaps most powerful of all, "Call the Midwife" has captured a broad spectrum of birth experiences, some quite remarkable, others long and grueling in unexceptional ways.

The series, based on books by Jennifer Worth, has long since moved beyond its source material. Each season, creator Heidi Thomas researches new storylines by combing through old newspapers and looking at historical data on births, deaths and illness in the borough of London in which the series is set. Statistics can tell a powerful story.

As Thomas said during a recent appearance, "A dysentery outbreak in a nursery school - well, if that's not drama, I don't know what is."

CELEBRITIES

Baumbach film to open Venice fest

From news services

Director Noah Baumbach's adaptation of Don DeLillo's 1985 novel 'White Noise" has been selected to open the Venice International Film Festival in August, festival director Alberto Barbera said Monday.

Baumbach wrote and directed the film, which looks at the contemporary American family through the lens of a professor, Jack Gladney, and his fourth wife, Babette. Greta Gerwig, who has a child with Baumbach, stars alongside Adam Driver, Don Cheadle, Raffey Cassidy and Jodie Turner-Smith.

"It is a great honor to open the 79th Venice film festival with 'White Noise,' Barbera said. "Baumbach has made an original, ambitious and compelling piece of art which plays with measure on multiple registers: dramatic, ironic, satirical. The result is a film that examines our obsessions, doubts and fears as captured in the 1980s, yet with very clear references to contemporary reality."

The Netflix-produced film will be among those competing for the Golden Lion award, selected by a jury led by Julianne Moore, and a likely player in the awards season to come.

Baumbach previously debuted his film "Marriage Story" at the festival in 2019. It would go on to pick up six Oscar nominations, including best picture, and one win for Laura Dern.

The 79th Venice International Film Festival runs from Aug. 31 to Sept. 10.

Director Rafelson dies: Bob Rafelson, an influential figure in the New Hollywood era of the 1970s, has died at age 89. Rafelson died at his Colorado home Saturday, said his wife, Gabrielle Taurek Rafelson.

Rafelson was responsible for co-creating the fictional pop music group



Noah Baumbach directed "White Noise," which will open the 79th Venice film festival. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2020

and television series "The Monkees" alongside the late Bert Schneider, which won him an Emmy in 1967.

Rafelson also directed and co-wrote "Five Easy Pieces," about an upperclass pianist who yearns for a more blue-collar life. The film got Rafelson two Oscar nominations in 1971, for best picture and screenplay. He also produced seminal New Hollywood classics including Peter Bogdanovich's "The Last Picture Show" and Dennis Hopper's "Easy Rider."

Actor Warner dies: David Warner, a versatile British actor whose roles ranged from Shakespearean tragedies to sci-fi cult classics, has died at age 80. His family said he died from a cancer-related illness on Sunday in London.

Often cast as a villain, Warner had roles in the 1971 psychological thriller "Straw Dogs," the 1976 horror classic "The Omen," the 1979 time-travel adventure "Time After Time" as Jack the Ripper, and the 1997 blockbuster "Titanic," playing the valet Spicer Lovejoy. He also had a prolific career on film and

TV in both Britain and the United States.

Food writer Kennedy dies: Diana Kennedy, a tart-tongued British food writer devoted to Mexican cuisine, died Sunday at age 99. A longtime friend said Kennedy died peacefully at her home in Mexico.

Kennedy spent much of her life learning and preserving the traditional cooking and ingredients of her adopted home. Her nearly dozen cookbooks, including "Oaxaca al Gusto," which won the 2011 James Beard Award for cookbook of the year, reflect a lifetime of groundbreaking culinary contributions and her effort to collect vanishing culinary traditions.

July 26 birthdays: Actor Robert Colbert is 91. Singer Darlene Love is 81. Singer Brenton Wood is 81. Singer Mick Jagger is 79. Actor Helen Mirren is 77. Drummer Roger Taylor is 73. Actor Nana Visitor is 65. Actor Sandra Bullock is 58. Actor Jeremy Piven is 57. Actor Kate Beckinsale is 49. Actor Monica Raymund is 36.



ASK AMY

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Father's obituary leaves out important detail

Dear Amy: My father recently died. I am the child of his first wife. He also had a child with his second wife. My halfbrother "Gerald" and I get along fine.

Our father's obituary was written so that it sounded like his second wife was his only wife, with no mention of my mother.

Dad was prominent in his field, and his Wikipedia entry also makes no mention of my mother.

My name and my children's names are acknowledged, but the implication is that I am the child of his second wife.

My mom never got over my father's infidelity and desertion. She is hurt that she has been written out.

Should I say something to my brother to change this so that my mother is acknowledged in his history? Should obituaries and biographies be truthful about exes?

I lived my life tiptoeing around the animosity between my parents, and I wish this saga to be over.

Loving, but Sad Daughter

Dear Loving: Many obituaries are actually "death notices," written by family members and/or funeral homes. Strictly speaking, obituaries are written by journalists and are published in newspapers and magazines. Obituaries tell the story of a person's life, and yes they should be factually correct.

If "Gerald" wrote the notice, then he omitted your mother's name purposely and incorrectly, as family members sometimes do. He might have done so to protect his own mother's feelings.

Whoever composed your father's Wikipedia page might have used the death notice as a source, incorrectly leaving out your mother's name.

Your brother also might have written or edited the Wikipedia entry, deliberately leaving out your mother's name.

This Wikipedia entry should be revised. You could edit it yourself, and you should let your brother know that you are concerned that information concerning your father's life is not only incorrect, but also hurtful to you because it erases your mother's identity.

The long-standing dynamic in your family is not likely to end. But maybe it is time for you to stop tiptoeing.

Dear Amy: I think it is time for pet owners to take a good look at their beliefs and behavior and give non-pet people a break.

My mother and uncle struggled with allergies to animals, and the problems ranged from nasty skin lesions and irritated eyes to breathing problems.

When I saw similar problems beginning with me, I promised myself I would never have pets. My health is better as a result.

Please stop regarding me as unfriendly because I do not want to pet your dog or cat, whether or not allergies are a factor. Please don't tell me

my allergies are not real because you can't see them. Please leave your pets at

home when you stop in to Please stop telling me

that volunteering at the shelter would change my

Please don't tell me that letting your dog stray into my yard to poop (and leaving the evidence there) is something I should not complain about "because if you had a pet, you'd understand."

- No Vet Bills

Dear No Vet: I understand why people see their pets as "family members," but some humans use this as an excuse for every single choice regarding their pets.

Family members need limits! (Do you bring your toddler where you know she's not welcome? Do you let Aunt Harriet poop on your neighbor's lawn?)

Allergies are not the only reason some humans don't want to be around animals, and yes — pet stewards should respect other peoples' choices.

Dear Amy: Like "Constantly Tuned In," I too need a TV to sleep by.

As an adult, I realized this TV dependency was the result of hearing my mother in the living room watch TV after I went to bed during my childhood. It was comforting.

I now keep the TV in another room or in a TV cabinet with doors.

Then I have the sound without the flickering light. I sleep beautifully. - Comforted

Dear Comforted: I appreciate the antecedent of your habit - and applaud your solution!

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Is that late Wilford Brimley in episode of 'Yellowstone'?

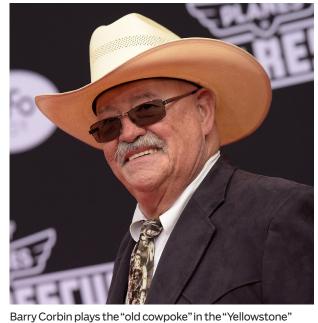
By Rich Heldenfels Tribune News Service

Q: In the "Yellowstone" episode "Under a Blanket of Red," an old cowpoke looks and sounds just like Wilford Brimley, but his name is not mentioned in the credits. The episode was first broadcast in November 2021, and Brimley died in August 2020, but an episode was dedicated to Brimley. Did he really play in the scene and was uncredited, or did someone else do an excellent impersonation? A: Barry Corbin, a fine

actor and great gentleman, played the "old cowpoke" you saw, and did it without imitating anyone else. When he's not riding horses on his ranch in Texas, Corbin has worked often and variously, including in "Northern Exposure," "One Tree Hill," "The Closer" and "Better Call Saul," as well as movies such as "Urban Cowboy."

Brimley, an actor and commercial spokesman during his own diverse career, never appeared on "Yellowstone." But, as Decider.com noted, his influence can be felt throughout the series: "The character actor was beloved by Western fans for his booming voice and trademark mustache, two traits that many of the show's characters share. Brimley's Utah roots also gave him a unique connection to the Paramount Network series, which films in the state."

Q: I was wondering about the CW series "Coroner." I just watched the third season and heard about a fourth season. It was supposed to start on June 2, but there have been no new episodes or explanations. Is it coming back? A: It is. The CW moved the Canadian-made drama from summer telecasts to this fall, starting on Oct. 2.



episode "Under a Blanket of Red." JASON KEMPIN/GETTY 2014

The website tyseriesfinale. com said some time back that the change was "likely tied to The CW being up for sale and the cancellation of several shows ... With less original scripted content to populate the fall schedule, the execs have opted to delay 'Coroner's' return." (More recent reports have the network on the verge of being sold to Nexstar Media Group, by the way.) And TV schedules are not set in stone. Fox, for example, shifted its country music drama "Monarch" from January of this year to the fall, where it will premiere on Sept. 11, following some production delays related to COVID-19.

Q: I want to know if there are any plans for another "Planet of the Apes" sequel down the road.

A: There are. Disney. which now owns the "Apes" franchise, has reportedly been planning a new film since 2019, tentatively titled "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes." This would add to a long line of "Apes" projects, including the original novel, five movies in the '60s and '70s, both a live-action and an animated TV series in the '70s, Tim Burton's reboot in 2001, and the excellent big-screen trilogy from 2011 to 2017. There is a lot of sleuthing going on about what director Wes Ball (known for the "Maze Runner" movies) has in mind for the new film, but I haven't seen anything definite.

Q: Is "SEAL Team" coming back?

A: The military drama starring David Boreanaz, which began on CBS and then moved to Paramount+ in the fifth season, has been picked up for a sixth go-round, also on Paramount+. "The show's loyal fan base followed the series to its new exclusive home, and it has proven to be a high-performing title for the service," said a top Paramount+ executive.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): You might be biting off more than you're able to chew today. Here and now, this could be overwhelming. Despite any desire you may have to be a superhero and aid everyone, ultimately you're only one

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your temper might

currently be shorter than normal. You may normally have good control over your emotions, but everyone has their limits even you! Anger might spur you to speak up in a way that can create trouble for you later. Confrontations have the potential to grow bigger, so be careful.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Opinions from the outside could now evoke old feelings without warning. It might not have been an extraordinary event that brought them to the surface. Trying to fully unpack them could have you remembering it as worse than it really was. Respect your feelings.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A negative opinion of you could impact your day. Someone you thought was on your side may show signs of jealousy or disdain for you. Regardless of how much you wanted to receive their approval, if they refuse to give it to you, you've likely already done all that you can.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): An authority figure might be acting upset with you today. You could end up being punished for your words. Avoiding disapproval should be easier if you hold your tongue when it comes to those with power. What they don't hear you say can't come back to bite you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your fears could clash with your faith today. You might have had high hopes for a new situation, but now you're concerned that things are souring. It's likely you're overthinking things. Trying to control all of life is impossible. Don't worry — your friends should be there to pick you up if you have to regroup.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A recently revealed secret might be creating unrest. Gossip is potentially being passed around your circle as the day progresses. You might have known about this, but it's just now becoming more widely known. There could be confrontations. Try not to get caught in the middle.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Minor conflicts from before can escalate at this time. You may have been involved in a difficult interaction with someone else as of late, and it's coming back around for a second round. The way you react right now could be even more important than last time. Attempt to move on.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. **21):** An adventure might not be what you expected. While you shouldn't back out of anything that's already been planned for you, don't be surprised by things like delays, canceled flights or even a full transformation. Let go of expectations. You may receive some exciting news.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money matters might throw you a curveball today. You thought that you had everything under control. Check and doublecheck that you're all paid up and that your bank account is looking how you expect it to. Your financial issues might actually be due to someone else's mistake.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone may say something that sets you off at any moment. While it could seem like the right time to unleash all your arguments, you might end up doing some harm to your relationships by becoming too extreme in your rebuttal. This is not the best time for a debate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): A multitude of responsibilities could be overwhelming you right now. There might be too much to do. You're probably getting called upon to handle everything. You might feel like a professional juggler as you try to keep track of everything that you've been asked to manage.

TODAY IN **HISTORY**

Associated Press

On July 26, 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.

In 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime

minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party; Clement Attlee succeeded him.

In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

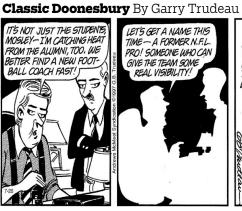
In 2002, the Republicanled House voted, 295-132, to create an enormous **Homeland Security** Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadel-





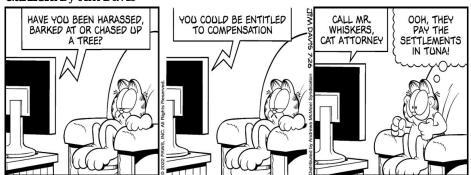








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Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly

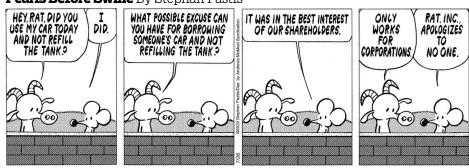




Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



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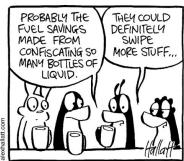
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Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley









Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



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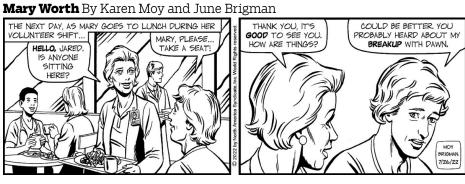






Gil Thorp By Henry Barajas and Rod Whigham





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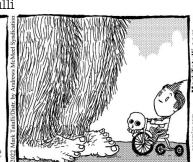






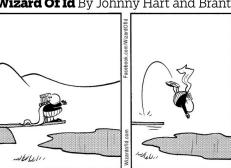
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Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker



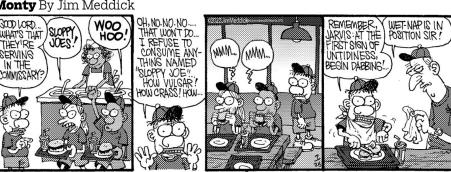




Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price



Monty By Jim Meddick



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Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne





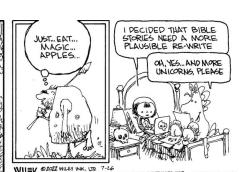
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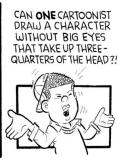




Curtis by Ray Billingsley

















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Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters







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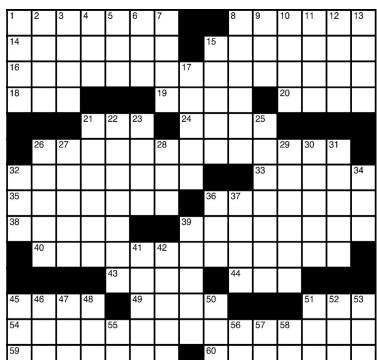
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By Mary Lou Guizzo and Jeff Chen

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH ♠** A Q 4 ♦ J 10 8 5 2 **♣**O 7 WEST **EAST ★**8653 **★** 10 9 7 2 **♥** K Q J 9 2 **♥** 6 4 **♦** 7 4 3 ♦ K **♣**K 10 2 **♣**9653 **SOUTH** ♠ K J **♥** A 10 5 ♦ A O 9 6 **♣**A J 8 4 The bidding:

South West North East Pass 3 NT Opening lead — king of hearts.

The prime directive

In political novels and spy thrillers, the "prime directive" is an inviolable decree that provides the motivation for the main characters. Anyone who deviates from the prime directive is a good bet not to survive to the final chapter.

Bridge also has a prime directive: declarer must do everything possible to fulfill his contract. Failure to abide by this principle can lead to the demise of many contracts that would have succeeded with proper play.

Take this case where South got to three notrump after West had overcalled in hearts. Declarer held up on the first two hearts, took the third with the ace, crossed to dummy with a spade and tried the diamond finesse. West won with the king and cashed two hearts to sink the contract.

South was guilty of playing more by habit than by reason. The correct play is to lay down the ace of diamonds rather than attempt the finesse. In the actual deal,

West's king falls under the ace, and South has an easy 10 tricks.

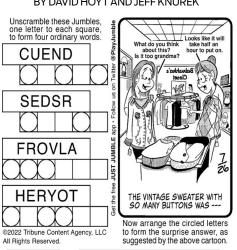
While this line of play may seem to be based on a peek at West's cards, there is in fact irrefutable justification for this approach. In the given case, declarer cannot lose the contract by cashing the ace if East has the king of diamonds. Even if a trick is lost to the king in the East hand, South will still have nine tricks in the form of three spades, four diamonds, a club and

Declarer should play the diamond ace to guard against the possibility that West was dealt the singleton king. If the king does not appear, a second diamond is led. If East has the king, nine tricks are assured, since East has no heart to return; if West has the king, the contract could not be made no matter how South played.

Tomorrow: An endplay of a different kind.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



FOGGY

Answer: If they were going to repair the roof before the next storm, they'd need to $-\ \mathsf{GET}\ \mathsf{RIGHT}\ \mathsf{ON}\ \mathsf{IT}$

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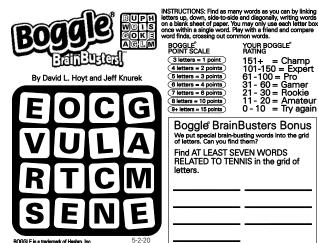


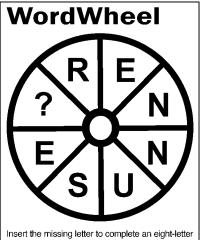
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Wordsearch: Vegetables

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or

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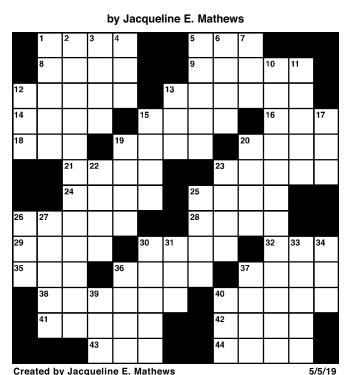
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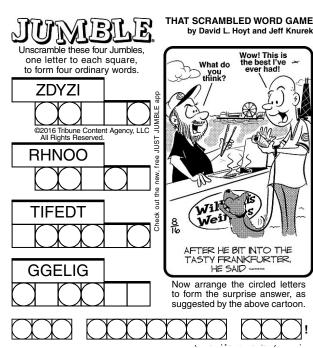
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- 36 "Truth or ___"; Tyler Posey movie
- 37 Ring of light
- 38 Actor Eddie
- 40 "__ Game PM"; Gene Rayburn
- 41 Camel's smaller cousin
- 42 "Able was I __ saw Elba" 43 Prefix for print or place
- 44 Acid reflux problem

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- 5 Leaves out __ the Nation"
- 7 Actress Joan Van
- 10 "Chicago P.D." role
- 11 "Dancing with the _ 12 Use a shovel
- 13 Actress Dawber 15 Delaney & Kardashian
- 17 Actor __ J. Cobb 19 Leno & Thomas 20 Actor Norman
- 22 __ and groan; complain 23 Spinnaker or jib
- 25 Chimney duct 26 Suffix for vocal or civil
- 27 Part of USNA 30 Gilbert & Rue 31 Actor Carney
- 33 Charlton Heston film 34 Comment from Homer
- 36 Moore 37 Race loser of Aesop's fable
- 39 Emeril's cry
- 40 One of the girls in "Little Women"

JUMBLE



HONOR Jumbles: DIZZY FITTED GIGGLE Answer: After he bit into the tasty frankfurter, he said — HOT DIGGITY DOG!

ARROW WORDS

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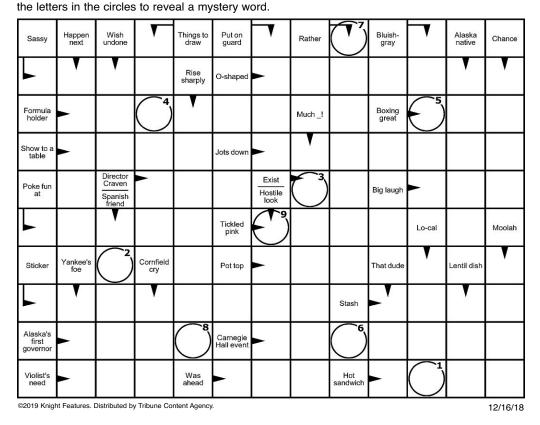
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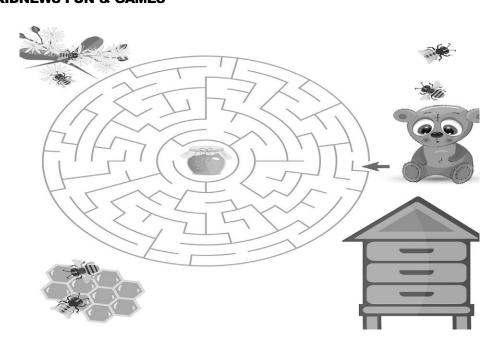
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The Manchester Housing Authority requests proposals from qualified entities to provide Waste Removal Services. The full and complete RFP may be obtained online at https://manchesterha.org, the Administrative Office, by request at 860-643-2163 ext. 101, or by mail. All proposals must be submitted by mail or delivered to:

Proposal for Sprinkler Inspection Services Attn: Joseph D'Ascoli Manchester Housing Authority 24 Bluefield Drive

Proposals must be received on or before Thursday September 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Submittals received after the deadline will not be considered. Any questions may be directed to Nile Scala at nscala@jdamelia.

com. The award of this contract shall be governed by the Procurement Policy of the MHA and Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 85.36 and applicable HUD regulations regarding competitive proposals. The MHA reserves the right to reject any, and all proposals or parts therein. Award of this contract is subject to approval by the MHA Board of Commissioners. Board of Commissioners. 7/26/2022 7257172

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TOWN OF LEBANON TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to § 12-145 of the CT statutes, notice is hereby given to all persons li-able to pay taxes in the town of Lebanon, Connecticut that I have a warrant to collect a tax at the temporary mil rate of 28.4 mils on the dollar, on the Grand List as last perfected; and said taxes for Real Estate are

periected; and said taxes for real Estate are due and payable on July 1, 2022. The Town of Lebanon does not have an ap-proved budget for FY2022-2023. Therefore, at this time you are receiving the tax bill based on last year's rate for REAL ESTATE ONLY. Once the budget is approved the town will bill for PERSONAL PROPERTY and MOTOR VEHICLE. This year the Town of Lebanon will be mailing an ADJUSTED TAX BILL for the 2nd Real Estate Installment which will reflect the approved mill rate. Real Estate taxes of \$250.00 or less are due and payable IN FULL on July 1, 2022.

For the purpose of collecting said tax I shall be at the Tax Collector's office in Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT 06249 during the month of July on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Lebanon Town Hall is closed on Wednes and will also be closed Monday, July 4th, 2022. Payments for REAL ESTATE must be received or postmarked by August 1st, 2022, to avoid interest. All REAL ESTATE taxes remaining unpaid after August 1st, 2022, will be charged interest from July 1st, 2022, at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 per installment, \$ 12-146. Taxpayers who did not receive a bill should contact the Tax Office immediately. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax or respective penalties should the tax become delinquent, § 12-130.

Kelly A. Lawer, CCMC Lebanon Tax Collector 6/21, 7/5 & 7/26/22 7234708

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with City of Hartford Municipal Code Section 29-16, the Hartford Police Department is in possession of unclaimed found property for which the owner cannot be located.

If you believe that some of this property is yours, phone the HPD Property Room at 860 757 4180 weekdays 7 am to 2:30 pm. Be prepared to provide a detailed description of the property, the circumstances of its loss, and proof of ownership as necessary.

Positive identification is required before property will be released. If not claimed, items may be sold at public auction, destroyed, donated, or released to a finder. July - September 2022 7239405

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart, 55 Research Parkway, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 to satisfy a lien on August 09, 2022 at approx. 12:00 PM at www.storagetreasures.com Unit 303: Zachary Whitehead Unit 226: Michael Merlini Unit 807: Thomas R Bush Unit 2358: Jeffrey Kosko Unit 2426: DOROTHY RICHARDSON Unit 2490: Patricia Marsh Unit 2438: George Scherber 3rd 7/26, 7/28/2022 7251074

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

Notice To: Jason Barclay, father of child born to Nickarra D. on 2/24/19 of parts unknown. A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above

named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and The petition, whereby the court's decision

this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the HARTFORD COURANT, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of Hartford, CT Name of Judge Hon. Dawne Westbrook

Signed Tiffany Thibodeau Date signed 7/20/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is 7/26/2022 7257283

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private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person. The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 9/2/22@ 12:00 pm at SCJM 25 School Street, Rockville, CT 06066
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the HARTFORD COURANT, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of East Windsor, CT
Name of Judge Hon. Dawne Westbrook Signed Tiffany Thibodeau

Signed Tiffany Thibodeau Date signed 7/20/22

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> Car Reviews Saturdays in MOTORING

In accordance with the provisions of section 9-14 of the city of Hartford Municipal Code, a Notice of Intent to apply for a Permit to demolish a building has been filed with the director of Licenses and Inspections of the City of Hartford

director of Licenses and Inspections of the City of Hartford.
This Notice was filed by:
John LeConche, Project Engineer (Agent for Owner)
Manafort Brothers Incorporated

Manafort Brothers Incorporated 414 New Britain Ave Plainville, CT 06062 The address of the building to be demolished is 271 Washington Street, Hartford CT 06106

This application for a Demolition Permit will be filed on or after: (Requesting Reduction of 90-day Waiting Period) August 1, 2022

John Collins, Building Official 7/25, 7/26, 7/27/2022 7255700

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT
JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice To: Robert Jackson III, father of child born to Shannel P on 6/25/05 of parts unknown.

A petition has been filed seeking:
Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 9/1/22 @ 2pm at SCJM 920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the HARTFORD COURANT, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of Bloomfield, CT
Name of Judge Hon. Michael Dannehy Signed M. Stackpole Date signed 7/21/22

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> LEGAL NOTICE FOR BIDS TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

BID #2023-002 Fire Station # 3 HVAC Replacement

Bid Opening Date: August 10, 2022

Bid Opening Time: 10:00 am Mandatory Walk-through: August 2, 2022 10:00 am

Place: Town of Rocky Hill -Council Chambers 761 Old Main St Rocky Hill, CT 06067 The Bid forms and specifications will be available on rockyhillct.gov – Bid Notices.

Completed bid packages are due by August 10, 2022 @ 10:00 am in the Town Manager's office. Town of Rocky Hill 761 Old Main St Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

All questions should be directed in writing to Phil Cyr, Facilities Director at pcyr@rocky-hillot.gov All addenda will also be posted to the rockyhillct.gov — Bid Notices site. All firms are responsible for checking for new Reminder: There will be a mandatory pre-bid

walk-through scheduled for August 2, 2022 at 10:00 am at Fire Station #3 3050 Main St Rocky Hill. CT 06067 Bids will be accepted up until the date and time noted above. The Town Manager, his

any and all bids if, in his/her opinion, it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Equal Opportunity Employer, minority/women owned businesses are encouraged to submit

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ORDER OF NOTICE

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The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 9/2/22 @ 12:00 pm at SCJM 25 School Street, Rockville, CT 06066
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the HARTFORD COURANT, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of Manchester, CT
Name of Judge Hon. Dawne Westbrook Signed Tiffany Thibodeau Date signed 7/20/22
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

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Notice To: Jose Gonzalez, father of child born to ly R. on 6/17/06 of parts unknown. A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 8/31/22 at 12:00 pm at SCJM 20 Franklin Square, 3rd floor, New Britain, CT 06051

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the HARTFORD COURANT, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of Willimantic, CT
Name of Judge - Hon. Sheila Huddleston Signed - Peter Fradiani Date signed - 7/21/22

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> STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE Notice To: Angela Gately, mother of child

born 7/27/20 of parts unknown. of parts unknown.

A petition has been filed seeking:
Termination of parental rights of the above named in minor child(ren)
The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 8/18/22 at 3:15 pm at SCJM 20 Franklin Square, 3rd floor, New Britain, CT 06051

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Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the HARTFORD COURANT, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of North Granby, CT
Name of Judge Eric Daniels
Signed Peter Fraddani

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Notice To: Jeremiah Ouellette, father of child born to Ashley M on 11/10/08 of parts

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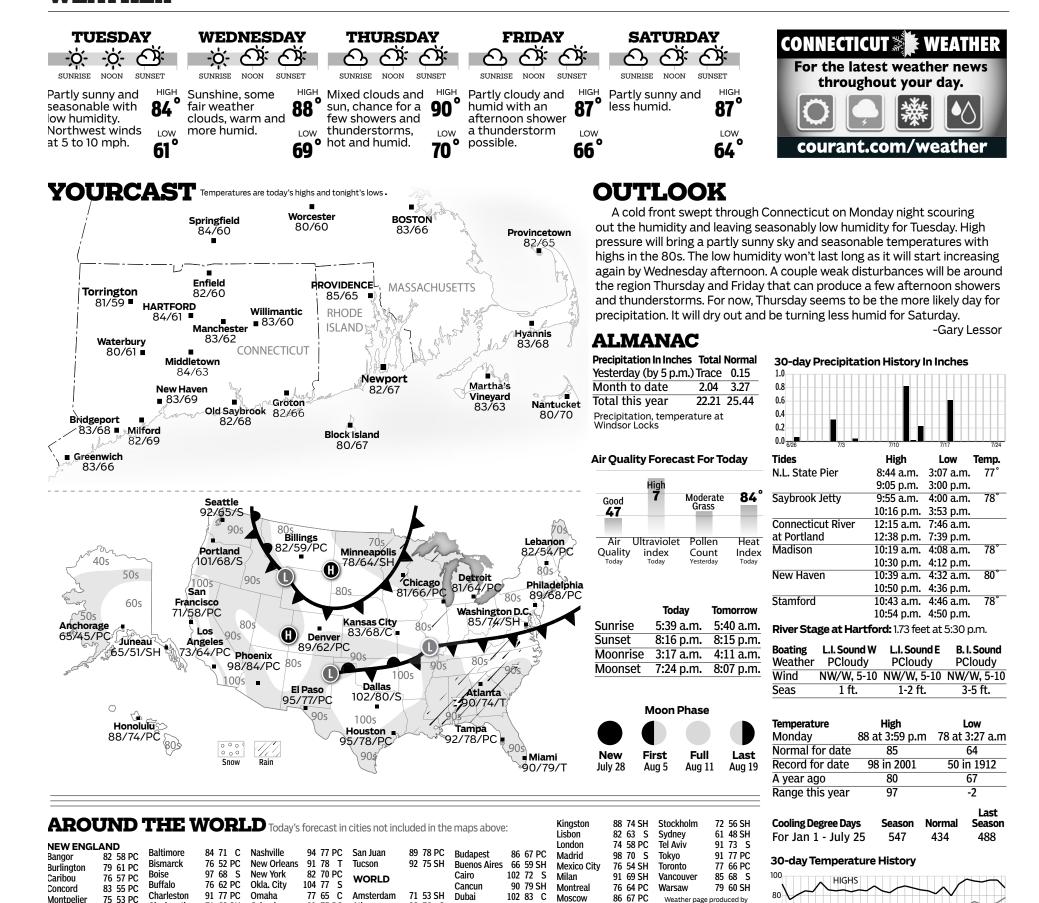
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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Senator seeks answers on treatment of players

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Over the last few years, Major League Baseball has taken control of the minor leagues, eliminating several leagues and franchises.

Though salaries and living arrangements for minor league players have improved, and a group representing them won a recent class-action lawsuit, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee still has questions.

"As a bipartisan group, four of us as senators are seeking answers from Major League Baseball," Sen. Richard Blumenthal said Monday during a press conference at Dunkin' Donuts Park. "We are seeking to hold Major League Baseball accountable for its apparent misuse of the federal anti-trust exemption it was granted 100 years ago. It is apparently using it to stymie minor league teams and players out of what they deserve. ... Minor league players are being paid a pittance, not even minimum wage."

Minor league players not on the 40-man roster of their major league organization, which would include most of the players on the Hartford Yard Goats, for example, make between \$4,800 and \$14,700 annually and are paid only in season. Minor league players are being "exploited," Blumenthal said, through the imposing of a uniform minor league playing contrac

Last week, Major League Baseball settled a class-action suit, agreeing to pay minor leaguers who alleged minimum-wage and overtime violations. The settlement will distribute \$120 million, to be shared by 20,000 players, and calls for minor leaguers to be paid during spring training, extended spring training and instructional camps.

"We've made real strides in the last few years in terms of what minor league players are paid, Major League Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred told reporters at the All-Star Game in Los Angeles last week, "even putting to one side the signing bonuses that many of them have already received. They



U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal says Major League Baseball is "exploiting" minor league players, paying them a "pittance." **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

receive housing, which obviously is another form of compensation. I reject the premise that they're not paid a living wage." Blumenthal joined with Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin (D-Illinois), Mike Lee (R-Utah) and Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) in sending Manfred a letter last week seeking information

"Commissioner Manfred said during the All-Star break that he thinks minor league players are adequately paid," Blumenthal said. "Well, let him say that to the courts. Let him say that to us. The American pastime deserves fairness."

At the heart of the issue, Blumenthal said, is Major League Baseball's anti-trust exemption, which other pro leagues do not have, imposed by the courts in

Turn to Baseball, Page 2

NASCAR



Denny Hamlin's celebration of a NASCAR Cup victory at Pocono Raceway on Sunday was short-lived. NASCAR stripped Hamlin of his win when his No.11 Toyota failed inspection and was disqualified, awarding Chase Elliott the victory. MATT SLOCUM/AP

Hamlin DQ causes a blizzard of controversy

Elliott, who didn't lead a lap, won't celebrate gifted win at Pocono

By Dan Gelston Associated Press

Chase Elliott left Pocono Raceway as a third-place finisher and learned when he landed home in Georgia that he had been declared the race winner.

Whether NASCAR's most popular driver wants to celebrate the victory or not, it's his — Joe Gibbs Racing declined to appeal the penalties levied by NASCAR that stripped Denny Hamlin of his Pocono win and cost Kyle Busch his runner-up finish.

Hamlin was the first Cup winner to be disqualified since April 17, 1960, when Emanuel Zervakis' victory at Wilson Speedway in North Carolina was thrown out because of an oversized fuel tank.

The Toyotas were shipped to NASCAR's research and development center in North Carolina for further evaluation, and additional points or monetary penalties could still be issued against JGR.



Elliott, shown July 17 in Loudon, N.H., left Pocono Raceway as a third-place finisher Sunday and learned when he landed home in Georgia that he had been declared the race winner. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**

Elliott was gifted his fourth win of the season, without the Hendrick Motorsports driver ever leading a lap Sunday in his No. 9 Chevrolet. The series points leader will take the win, even if he doesn't feel great about achieving it without a checkered flag.

"I was probably just kind of more surprised by it than anything," Elliott said Monday. "I don't think any driver wants to win that way. I certainly don't."

Hamlin — who had already zipped his young daughter around the track on a victory lap — and the rest of the field had long left Pocono when the NASCAR inspection team found issues in both Toyotas that affected the aerodynamics

"There really was no reason why there was some material that was somewhere it shouldn't have been. And that does basically come down to a DQ," NASCAR Cup Series managing director Brad Moran said Sunday night.

Team owner Joe Gibbs said Sunday he was "shocked" by the ruling and his organization planned "to review every part of the process that led to this situation"

Turn to NASCAR, Page 2

RUNNING

Hartford Marathon partners with Urban League of Greater Hartford

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

Hartford Marathon president Beth Shluger was trying to think of ways to improve diversity within the running community last year and a fortuitous meeting with David Hopkins, the CEO of the Urban League of Greater Hartford, last fall at a marathon function, led to the formation of a "movement festival" on Saturday at Keney Park in Hartford.

The two organizations joined to organize the MOVE! With The Urban League Greater Hartford Run/Walk, a 5K and 1-mile road race and movement festival.

The 5K and 1-mile run/walk start near the Woodland Street entrance to the park at 9 a.m. with an HMF kids run starting at 10:15 a.m. The MOVE festival starts at 9:30 and will feature double Dutch, Zumba, tai chi, a football skills

demonstration by the Hartford Wildcats and a drum, dance and drill team demonstration.

"We got talking and we said we've got to do something together," Shluger said of her meeting with Hopkins. "Pratt & Whitney agreed to give us some money so we're donating our time and

equipment to put it on.

"We wanted to do it in Keney Park — for one, just to bring people into that park. It's tremendous.

What an asset it is to the city."

The race fee is \$20 and is free for kids 12 and under. The other activities are free.

The race proceeds will go toward the Urban League of Greater Hartford to help improve racial equity and economic empowerment through education, employment, housing, health and social justice programs

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SUN NOTES

Donations to Griner's charity can be made at Sun games

By Lila Bromberg Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Sun announced their continued involvement in Brittney Griner's Heart and Sole Shoe Drive on Monday.

Griner, a star for the Phoenix Mercury, has been detained in Russia since Feb. 17. Teams across the WNBA have been carrying on her work in the community through the shoe drive, which Griner started in 2016 to provide shoes to the homeless in Arizona.

In addition to shoes, the Sun are also encouraging fans to donate other necessities, such as toiletry products, for unhoused people. There will be collection bins at both entrances on the Mohegan Sun Arena concourse after games against the Mercury on Aug. 2 and 4, as well as games this week against the Seattle Storm on Thursday and the Chicago

Sky on Sunday.
Along with the shoe and toiletry drive, the Sun will have a 50/50 raffle, with all donations benefiting the New London Homeless Hospitality Center.

"For years, BG has led with her heart through 'BG's Heart and Sole Shoe Drive,' and we are proud to be able to continue her work of helping others in their time of need," Connecticut Sun president Jen Rizzotti said. "We hope that BG feels our love and support during this difficult time, and we hope that she comes home soon."

Alyssa Thomas named conference player of week: Sun forward Alyssa Thomas was named the WNBA Eastern Conference Player of the Week on Monday. This marks the sixth time in Thomas's eight-year career she has won the award and the second time this season.

Thomas averaged 16.0 points, 11.0 rebounds and 7.3 assists as the Sun went 3-0. Most notably, she notched her first career triple-double and the first triple-double in franchise history in the Sun's 94-84 win over the Minnesota Lynx on Friday, with 15 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists. In the Sun's 82-63 win against the New York Liberty on Tuesday, Thomas tallied 18 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and six steals. And Sunday night against Minnesota, Thomas picked up her 10th double-double of the season, finishing with 15 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and one steal in an 86-79 victory.



Sun forward Alyssa Thomas

UP NEXT

Red Sox: Guardians, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Guardians, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Guardians, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Yankees: at Mets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Mets, Wednesday,

7 p.m.: Royals, Thursday, 7 p.m. Mets: Yankees, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Wednesday, 7 p.m.;

at Marlins, Friday, 6:30 p.m. Yard Goats: Portland, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Wednesday,

7 p.m.; Portland, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Sun: Storm, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Sky, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Mercury,

August 2.7 p.m. Hartford Athletic: at Rio Grande, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.;

Birmingham, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Memphis, August 6, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

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2 p.m.: Pirates at Cubs. (Live) MLB

7 p.m.: Guardians at Red Sox. (Live) NESN. Radio: 1080 7 p.m.: Yankees at Mets. (Live) YES SNY TBS. Radio: 97.9, 880

10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

BASKETBALL 5 p.m.: Las Vegas Big Time Finale Strive for Greatness 16U vs. Vegas Elite 16U. (Live) ESPNU

7 p.m.: Las Vegas Big Time Finale Team WhyNot 17U vs. Compton Magic 17U. (Live) ESPN

7 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Men of Mackey vs The

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Strive for Greatness 17U. (Live) ESPN 9 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Red Scare vs Golden Eagles. (Live) ESPN2

11 p.m.: Oakland Soldiers 16U vs. Paul George Elite 16U. (Live)

SOCCER

2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO First Semifinal Sweden vs England, (Live) ESPN2

7:50 p.m.: Copa América Femenina Brazil vs Paraguay. (Live)

7:55 p.m.: Mexico Primera Division Juarez vs Tigres UANL.

7:55 p.m.: Mexicano Primera División Atlas vs. Tijuana. (Live)

10 p.m.: Amistoso internacional: Real Madrid vs. América.

10:23 p.m.: Canadian Championship Vancouver Whitecaps FC vs Toronto FC. (Live) FSP

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Bristol Regional (at Muzzy Field) STAMFORD VS. GREENWICH, LATE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Final (Game 1) Middletown Re letown Regional (at Palmer Field) West Haven/Middletown winner vs. Stamford/Greenwich winner vs. Waterford, 6:30p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULTS PATRIOTS AT DODGERS, LATE BLACK SOX AT ROCK CATS, LATE AFTERSHOCK AT ANGELS, LATE

TUESDAY'S

SCHEDULE Black Sox at Rockies, 6p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS ORIOLES 5, COLTS 4 CARDINALS 12, PHILLIES 6

MONDAY'S RESULTS PEOPLE'S AT GREENERS, LATE PHILLIES AT EXPOS, LATE

TUESDAY'S

SCHEDULE Graphics at Expos. 6:30p.m.

Phillies at Jets, 7p.m. PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULT

PKBL Playoffs 16u—Play-in Round AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN AT

NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON, PPD.

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

PKBL Playoffs **19u—Play-in Round:** Southington Hitmen at Ahern Whalen-Middletown, 5:30p.m.: Plainville Devils at Rocky Hill. 5:30p.m.; Farmington at New Britain Parks and Rec, 7p.m. 16u—Play-in Round: Ahern Whalen-Middletown at Nor'Eas-ters-Newington, 5:30p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

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Standings				
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Hartford	56	33	.629	_
Somerset	56	34	.622	0.5
Portland	44	46	.489	12.5
New Hampshire	40	50	.444	16.5
Reading	40	50	.444	16.5
Binghamton	33	56	.371	23
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	51	38	.573	_
Akron	47	41	.534	3.5
Richmond	47	43	.522	4.5
Altoona	46	44	.511	5.5
Bowie	40	49	.449	11
Harrisburg	37	53	.411	14.5

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

SOMERSET 7, READING 4

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Harrisburg at Akron, noon

Reading at Erie, 12:30p.m. Somerset at Richmond, 6:30p.m. Altoona at Bowie, 6:30p.m. New Hampshire at Binghamton, 6:30 Portland at Hartford, 7p.m.

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WNBA				
Standings				
Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	21	7	.750	_
Connecticut	19	9	.679	2
Washington	17	11	.607	4
Atlanta	12	16	.429	9
New York	10	17	.370	10.5
Indiana	5	25	.167	17
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	20	8	.714	_
Seattle	18	10	.643	2
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	7.5
Dallas	12	15	.444	7.5
Phoenix	12	16	.429	8
Minnesota	10	19	.345	10.5

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS

CONNECTICUT 86, MINNESOTA 79 SEATTLE 82, ATLANTA 72

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Las Vegas at Chicago, 8:30p.m. SUNDAY'S LATE CT SUN BOX

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SUN 86, LYNX 79 Connecticut M FG FT RB A PF PT												
Connecticut	IVI	ru	г	KD	A	rr	PI					
Bonner	36	3-11	3-4	6	8	4	9					
A. Thomas	37	4-10	7-8	10	5	2	15					
B. Jones	28	8-14	2-3	8	0	3	18					
Williams	27	5-10	1-2	4	2	1	12					
Hiedeman	34	6-10	2-2	0	5	3	19					
Carrington	13	1-2	0-0	7	1	1	2					
Jo. Jones	15	3-7	1-1	4	1	1	8					
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- 31-67 16-20 40 22 15 86 TOTALS Three-point goals: 8-20, 40.0(Hiedeman 5-8, Williams 1-2, Jo. Jones 1-2, Hartley 1-2, Holmes 0-1, Bonner 0-5) FG pct.: 46.3. FT pct.: 80.0. Turnovers: 18(A. Thomas 6, B. Jones 4, Bonner 2, Williams 2, Hiedeman 3, Carrington, Jo. Jones). **Blocks:** 2(Williams, Jo. Jones).

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Steals: 10(Bonner 5, B. Jones 2, A. Thomas, Hiedeman, Jo. Jones). Minnesota M FG FT RB A PF PT

Powers	35	6-14	4-4	1	4	3	17	
Shepard	30	3-5	0-0	8	2	2	6	
Milic	26	7-9	0-0	4	0	6	14	
McBride	25	2-11	2-2	2	1	0	6	
Jefferson	26	2-10	3-4	3	3	1	7	
Achonwa	21	3-5	2-2	7	3	3	8	
Allen	11	1-5	2-2	1	2	2	4	
Carleton	8	2-2	0-0	1	0	1	6	
Banham	18	4-9	0-0	1	3	1	11	
TOTALS	-:	30-70	13-14	28	18	19	79	

Three-point goals: 6-13, 46.2 (Banham 3-6, Carleton 2-2, Powers 1-2, Milic 0-1, Jefferson 0-2). FG pct.: 42.9. FT pct.: 92.9. Turnovers: 17(Jefferson 5, Powers 4, Shepard 3, Milic 3, Carleton, Banham). Blocks: 2(McBride, Banham). Steals: 7(Powers 2, Jefferson 2, Milic. McBride, Banham).

Connecticut	19	23	17	27 —	8
Minnesota	13	19	21	26 —	7
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Baseball

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1922 in the wake of the 1919 World Series-fixing scandal, the rise and fall of rival leagues and the naming off Kennesaw Mountain Landis as the first commissioner, with sweeping powers.

At that time, minor league teams operated independently, developing players and selling them to the major leagues. Over the decades, Major League Baseball teams developed "farm systems" in which they supply players to their minor league affiliates. In 2020, Major League Baseball aggressively pursued a new working agreement and now governs minor

league baseball. More than 40 teams were eliminated, including the Norwich franchise, which played in the now-extinct NY-Penn League. The franchise is now part of an amateur summer league, the Futures Collegiate Baseball League.

"The strong-arming by Major League Baseball of the minor leagues, cutting 40 teams out, is a giant red flag, but it is only one more piece of evidence," Blumenthal said. "Look at minor league pay; look at the agreements between minor league teams and major league teams. Major League Baseball earns \$11 billion every year, many times more than all the minor leagues combined. The contraction, the strong-arming, the power-playing, it's added

to a picture of compulsion and misuse of monopoly power."

In stripping away lower levels of the minors and eliminating hundreds of playing positions, Major League Baseball streamlined its player development process, focusing on fewer players, those with the best chance of making the major leagues. But with the elimination of franchises, there are fewer places where fans can watch games. Blumenthal said Major League Baseball is focused on this year's bottom line and "eating its seed corn."

Blumenthal, who is running for reelection in November, introduced the Minor League Baseball Relief Act in 2021, calling for emergency assistance to minor league teams that took big financial losses during the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the cancellation of the 2020 season. He also was a leading supporter of the Save Minor League Baseball Act, an effort to block the elimination of teams.

The anti-trust exemption, he said, has outlived its necessity.

"Major League Baseball has the absolute right to do what's best for their teams, their leagues, their players," Blumenthal said. "But they should not enjoy this unique advantage, allowing them to exploit minor league players."

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Michael Toglia has 19 homers for the Yard Goats, just three off the franchise's record for a season. AP FILE

YARD GOATS

Goats hosting Portland in a weeklong series of Eastern League contenders

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

If the Yard Goats were down-andout after losing the first-half title, they haven't shown it. They have been one of the hottest teams in the Eastern League through the opening weeks of the second half.

Hartford takes a seven-game winning streak and a 56-33 overall record into their six-game series this week against the Portland Sea Dogs, the Red Sox's affiliate, at Dunkin' Donuts Park

The Goats have the best overall record in the league, but what counts toward the playoffs is the second half. Hartford is 13-7 after sweeping its series at Binghamton, one-half game behind Portland (14-7), so this week could make a big difference in the standings.

Probable starters and promotions:

Tuesday: Yard Goats LHP Nick Bush vs. RH Bryan Mata, 7:05 p.m. First Responders Night, Baseball Bingo

Wednesday: Yard Goats RH Mitch Kilkenny vs. RH Victor Santos, 7:05

Christmas in July: Meet Santa Claus, Chompers and Chew Chew; jersey giveaway for first 1.000 kids.

Thursday: Yard Goats RH Tony Locey vs. RH Brett Kennedy, 7:05 p.m. Yard Goats socks giveaway (first 2,000 fans). Friday: Yard Goats RH Michael

Baird vs. RH Dylan Spacke, 7:05 p.m. Yard Goats play as Los Chivos de Hartford, celebrate culture and people of Peru.

Saturday: Yard Goats RH Noah Davis vs RH Brian Van Belle, 6:05 p.m. Postgame Fireworks Sunday: Yard Goats LH Nick Bush

vs. Sea Dogs RH Bryan Mata, 1:05 p.m. Wizarding Day: crafts and games for kids, Scooper Sunday.

How to watch/listen

Radio - FM 100.9 or AM 1410 WPOP; Video Stream — MiLB.tv; Internet – newsradio1410.iheart.com (iHeartRadio app)

For tickets and information: Visit yardgoatsbaseball.com or call 860-246-4628.

Goats on fire

Michael Toglia, who hit two homers on Friday, now has 19, just three behind the franchise record set last season by Elehuris Montero. Toglia, a left-handed hitting first baseman, has been on a power surge the last couple of months. Ezequiel Tovar leads the EL in batting (.318), Aaron Schunk leads the league in doubles with 28 and is tied for the lead with 59 RBIs and 38 extra base hits. Isaac Collins leads the Yard Goats with 21

About the Dogs

Portland also is on a roll and could be fortified by some major league talent this week. The Red Sox have several players in need of rehab assignments, and their Triple-A affiliate. Worcester, is on the road. Pitcher Michael Wacha, infielder Trevor Story and utilityman Christian Arroyo are due to start rehab assignments somewhere. On the current Portland roster, center fielder Devlin Granberg is hitting .304, shortstop Christian Koss has 11 homers, first baseman Hudson Potts has 10.

Marathon

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"The Hartford Marathon is trying to expand its reach, particularly into communities of color, and the Urban League was looking to do something similar," Hopkins said. "The Urban League refers to itself as the Urban League movement. We took the Urban League movement language and thought, there's something

there; it's not running but it's moving. The spin on the theme was to have the 5K but also have a movement festival where in addition to the 5K, we would have other physical activities at the same time.

"We also wanted to acknowledge the community that is emerging — we have these running groups like Black Girls Run that are building a community of runners — so we wanted a place for everybody to feel of the community was recognized but also there's opportunity to do more and do better, and that they're welcome in these spaces of activity - the park, running a 5K. We talked about breaking down some of those stereotypes and barriers that people might have about where they can participate. "We feel like this event

like their part in the health

covers all of those aspects: creating an environment for active runners, creating a space for people who want to be active and walk instead of run, creating a space for people to be

For more information on the MOVE! With The Urban League Greater Hartford Run/Walk, go to Move! With the Urban League at hartford marathon.com.

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NASCAR

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Pushing the edge of the rulebook — creatively or illegally — has been a part of NASCAR's culture since its inception. But NASCAR toughened its punishments entering the 2019 season in a bolder bid to squash cheating. The biggest shift came in inspections, which nailed the JGR drivers on Sunday. NASCAR ensured postrace inspections would take place at the track instead of midweek at the sanctioning body's research and development center outside of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Winning teams found in violation of the rules before 2019 were penalized with postrace fines, point deductions and/or suspensions. But drivers didn't have victories taken away from them until then.

For example, Joey Logano kept a 2017 win in Richmond even after a midweek teardown of his car at the R&D center showed his Team Penske team broke rules. Logano, though, could not count the win toward postseason consideration.

Hamlin won't be so lucky. He lost this third win of the season, his record seventh victory at Pocono and a 49th career win that would have tied him on NASCAR's career list with three-time champion Tony Stewart.

Elliott now gets the winner's purse, but Hamlin will stand as the victor among most major gambling sites. FanDuel Sportsbook said Monday the house rules state bets are settled on the result

of the podium presentation regardless of any subsequent disqualifications. Where things gets murky is with fantasy players.

FanDuel said all NASCAR fantasy contests are settled the following day.

NASCAR could hit JGR with stiffer points penalties and fines than Zervakis faced in 1960. Associated Press reported that officials held up Zervakis' purse of \$1,275 after he won the race without a pit stop and "carried about a half-gallon of gasoline more than is considered stock in the technical ratings of his 1960 Chevrolet." Joe Weatherly earned the win.

The 27-year-old Elliott, the 2020 Cup Series champion and NASCAR's most popular driver for four straight seasons, said he was moving on from Pocono as if he did indeed finish third. And he said he won't ask for the trophy.

"I'm not going to celebrate someone's misfortune," Elliott said. "That doesn't seem right to me. I crossed the line third. That's kind of how I'm looking at it."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	66	31	.680	_	_	5-5	W-1	37-12	29-19
Toronto	53	43	.552	12 ½	+2	8-2	W-6	30-19	23-24
Tampa Bay	52	43	.547	13	+1 ½	7-3	L-2	31-18	21-25
Boston	48	48	.500	17 ½	3	1-9	L-5	23-23	25-25
Baltimore	47	48	.495	18	3 ½	6-4	L-1	26-19	21-29
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Minnesota	52	44	.542	_	_	5-5	W-2	27-22	25-22
Cleveland	48	46	.511	3	2	6-4	L-2	25-19	23-27
Chicago	48	48	.500	4	3	7-3	W-2	21-27	27-21
Kansas City	38	57	.400	13 ½	12 ½	5-5	W-2	21-28	17-29
Detroit	38	58	.396	14	13	2-8	L-3	23-26	15-32
WEST	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Houston	64	32	.667	_	_	7-3	W-5	30-14	34-18
Seattle	51	45	.531	13	_	7-3	L-3	24-23	27-22
Texas	43	51	.457	20	7	3-7	W-1	21-26	22-25
Los Angeles	40	55	.421	23 ½	10 ½	2-8	W-1	22-27	18-28
Oakland	35	63	.357	30	17	6-4	L-1	14-33	21-30

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	59	37	.615	_	-	6-4	W-1	29-17	30-20
Atlanta	58	39	.598	1 ½	+7	6-4	L-1	33-21	25-18
Philadelphia	49	46	.516	9 ½	1	3-7	L-3	24-24	25-22
Miami	45	50	.474	13 ½	5	4-6	W-1	22-23	23-27
Washington	32	65	.330	27 ½	19	2-8	W-1	15-36	17-29
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Milwaukee	53	43	.552	_	-	5-5	W-3	24-19	29-24
St. Louis	51	46	.526	2 1/2	-	6-4	L-1	29-20	22-26
Pittsburgh	40	56	.417	13	10 ½	4-6	L-1	21-25	19-31
Chicago	38	57	.400	14 ½	12	4-6	W-4	18-32	20-25
Cincinnati	36	58	.383	16	13 ½	6-4	W-1	20-29	16-29
WEST	w	L	РСТ	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Los Angeles	64	30	.681	_	_	9-1	W-8	34-13	30-17
San Diego	54	43	.557	11 ½	+3	5-5	L-1	25-21	29-22
San Francisco	48	47	.505	16 ½	2	5-5	L-4	26-22	22-25
Colorado	43	53	.448	22	7 ½	5-5	L-4	28-23	15-30
Arizona	42	53	.442	22 1/2	8	4-6	L-1	24-27	18-26

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

2022

2022 VS OPP LAST 3 STARTS

INTERLEAGUE

DONOGO		_										
LATE SUNDAY: WASHINGTON 4, ARIZONA 3												
Washington	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG						
Hernandez 2b	3	1	0	0	0	.239						
Soto rf	2	0	0	0	1	.245						
Bell 1b	3	0	1	1	0	.305						
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	1	.234						
Hernandez If	3	1	2	0	0	.266						
a-L.Thomas If		1	1	0	1	.223						
Garcia ss	3	0	0	0	1	.284						
Ruiz c	3	1	3	1	0	.252						
Adrianza 3b	4	0	1	1	0	.189						
Robles cf	4	0	1	0	1	.236						
TOTALS	31	4	9	3	5							
Arizona	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG						
Rojas 3b	5	1	3	1	1	.275						
A.Thomas cf	3	1	1	0	0	.260						
Marte dh	4	0	1	1	1	.271						
Walker 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.206						
Peralta If	4	0	2	0	0	.240						
Varsho rf-c	3	1	1	1	0	.237						
Alcantara 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.184						
c-Luplow ph	1	0	0	0	0	.181						
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	1	.202						

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BOX SCORES

Washington

TOTALS

b-McCarthy rf 1

000 101 110 - 4 9 3 200 100 000 - 3 10 1 Arizona a-doubled for Hernandez in the 8th. b-singled for Herrera in the 8th. c-popped out for Alcantara in the 9th. E: Ruiz (7), Soto (2), Bell (8), Rojas (8). LOB: Washington 10, Arizona 13. 2B: Hernandez (16), Ruiz (18), Bell (22), L.Thomas (13), Marte (27), Peralta (17). RBIs: Adrianza (7), Bell (51), Ruiz (22), Marte (34), Varsho (47), Rojas (27). CS: Robles (1), Ruiz (1). SF: Marte. S: Hernandez, Garcia, Herrera. Runners left in scoring position: Washington 7 (Cruz, L.Thomas 2, Adrianza, Robles, Hernandez 2); Arizona 5 (A.Thomas, Marte, Alcantara 2, Perdomo). **RISP:** Washington 2 for 9; Arizona 3 for 13. Runners moved up: Adrianza, Cruz. GIDP: Bell, Peralta, Walker. DP: Washington 2 (Hernandez Garcia, Bell; Garcia, Hernandez, Bell); Arizona 1 (Perdomo, Rojas, Walker). WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Fedde	42/3	7	3	3	4	3	4.95
Weems	1	0	0	0	1	1	6.60
Edwards Jr., W, 3	-311/3	1	0	0	1	0	3.03
Cishek, H, 6	1/3	2	0	0	0	0	3.92
Finnegan, S, 2-5	12/3	0	0	0	0	0	3.76
ARIZONA	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA
Martin	4	4	1	1	5	1	3.93
Nelson	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.76
Smith, H, 5	1	2	1	0	0	1	4.60
I.Kennedy, BS, 4-	7 1	1	1	1	1	0	3.64
Mantiply, L, 1-3	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.39
Melancon	1	0	0	0	2	1	4.96
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Edwards Jr. 2-	0, Fii	nne	ega	n 3-	0. H	IBP:	

Cishek (A.Thomas). **WP:** Fedde. T: 3:44. **A:** 20,278(48,686).

LATE SUNDAY: N.Y. METS 8, SAN DIEGO 5

San Diego	AB	R	Н	ВІ	so	AVG
Profar If	4	1	0	0	0	.238
Cronenworth		1	1	0	0	.239
Machado 3b	5	1	1 3 2 1	1	1	.303
Mazara rf	4	1	2	0	1	.293
a-Alfaro ph	1	0	1	1	0	.274
Voit dh	2	1	0	0	0	.223
Hosmer 1b Nola c	2 5 5	0	2	2	0	.277 .248
Kim ss	4	0	0 2 2 1	Ö	0	.240
Ruiz cf	4	0	1	0	0	.261
TOTALS	37	5	13	5	4	.201
NY Mets	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
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Nimmo cf	5	0	1	0	0	.266
Marte rf	4	2	2	0	1	.296
Lindor ss	5	2	2	0	2	.247
Alonso 1b	3	2	2	4	0	.274
McNeil 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.293
Vogelbach dh	3	1	1	0	2	.229
Canha If	3	0	2	1	0	.270
1-Jankowski l	f 0	0	0	0	0	.167
Guillorme 3b	4	1	1	1	0	.290
Nido c	4	0	1	1	0	.213
TOTALS	35	8	12	7	6	
San Diego N.Y. Mets			1 013 5 30x		· 5	13 1 12 0

a-singled for Mazara in the 9th. 1-ran for Canha in the 7th F: Machado (6) LOB: San Diego 11, New York 7. 2B: Hosmer (16), Machado (20), Canha (9), Lindor (13), Nido (5), Alonso (17) HR: Alonso (25), off Musgrove. RBIs: Hosmer 2(39), Nola (26), Machado (54). Alfaro (27), Alonso 4(82), Guillorme (12), Nido (16), Canha (32). CS: Ruiz (2). Runners left in scoring position: San Diego 6(Machado, Nola 2, Hosmer 2, Ruiz); New York 5(Nimmo 3, Guillorme 2). RISP: San Diego 3for 12; New York 4for 13. Runners moved up: Kim Hosmer, Canha. GIDP: Mazara, Hosmer,

worth, Hosmer); New York 2(McNeil, Lindor, Alonso; Lindor, McNeil, Alonso).										
SAN DIEGO	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA			
Musgrove, L, 8-3 Martinez Wilson Hill	51/3 2/3 1 1	5 2 3 2	4 1 3 0	4 1 2 0	2 0 1 0	4 0 2 0	2.63 3.66 4.08 4.00			
NY METS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA			
Carrasco Smith, W, 2-3 Lugo Peterson Rodriguez Diaz, S, 21-24 Rodriguez pitch	5 1 1 0 1	6 2 1 2 2 0	0 1 0 1 3 0	0 1 0 1 3 0	2 0 1 1 2 0	1 0 1 0	4.07 3.51 3.65 3.31 5.93 1.60			

Inherited runners-scored: Martinez 1-1, Diaz 2-1. HBP: Musgrove (Canha). Umpires: Home, D.J. Reyburn; First, Angel Hernandez; Second, James Hoye; Third, Jim Wolf. Time: 3:39. A: 35.475(41.922)

ON THIS DATE

JULY 26 1928: Bob Meusel of the New York Yankees hit for the cycle for the third time in his career. The Yankees scored 11 runs in the top of the 12th to beat the Detroit Tigers 12-1 in 12 innings.

1939: The Yankees tied a major league record by scoring in every inning against the St. Louis Browns. Bill Dickey hit three home runs in the 14-1 win. 1962: Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves set the National League record for home runs by a pitcher when he hit his 31st off New York's Craig Ander son. Spahn dealt the Mets their 11th straight loss with a 6-1 victory. 1970: Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds hit three straight homers off Steve Carlton of the St. Louis Cardinals. On the same day, Orlando Cepeda of the Atlanta Braves connected for three consecutive homers in an 8-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs. 1984: Pete Rose of the Expos tied Ty Cobb on the career singles list, No. 3.052, with a base hit in the eighth inning in a 5-4 victory over the Pirates.

1991: Montreal's Mark Gardner became

the first to pitch nine no-hit innings

against a Dodger home team since

Johnny Vander Meer beat Brooklyn at Ebbets Field on June 15, 1938, for his second straight gem. But the Dodgers won in the 10th on two singles off Gard ner and Darryl Strawberry's RBI single off Jeff Fassero.

1998: Trevor Hoffman's bid to set a major league record with 42 straight saves ended when the San Diego closer gave up a home run to Moises Alou on his first delivery in the ninth inning, tying the game. The Padres wound up beating Houston 5-4 in the 10th, but Hoffman blew his chance at history. 2005: Greg Maddux reached 3,000 career strikeouts, striking out Omar Vizquel in the third inning of a 3-2, 11-inning victory for San Francisco 2008: Skip Schumaker went 6-for-7 to help St. Louis beat the New York Mets 10-8 in 14 innings. He became the first

game since 1935 when Terry Moore did it against Boston. 2010: Matt Garza pitched the first no-hitter in Tampa Bay Rays history and the fifth in the major leagues this season, beating the Detroit Tigers 5-0. Garza faced the minimum 27 batters,

allowing only a second-inning walk.

Cardinals player to have six hits in a

MOST STRIKEOUTS, 2012-PRESENT PITCHER Justin Verlande 3130 239 132 Max Scherzer 3118 196 99 10.7 2922 234 156 7.7 CC Sabathia Zack Greink 222 Clayton Kershaw 2751 192 86 2560 163 122 9.8 8.5 Cole Hamels Félix Hernández 2488 200 117 Jon Lester 8.2 A.J. Burnett 2295 146 136 8.5 John Lackey 145 139 James Shields 2234 Jake Peavy Adam Wainwright 2207 152 126 **David Price** 2067 155 82 75 Chris Sale 2064 114 Dan Haren 2013 153 131 7.5 7.2 151 129 136 75 Ervin Santana 1978 Johan Santana Roy Halladay 1882 185 88 Javier Vázguez 1880 124 117 136 104 Gio González 1860 131 101 8.7 7.1 Aaron Harang 128 143 126 66 1842 Gerrit Cole Cliff Lee 1824 143 91 7.6 9.0 Francisco Liriano 1815 112 114 Johnny Cueto 139 6.1 8.4 9.3 **Bartolo Colon** 1737 182 147 1737 103 110 1736 110 89 Ian Kennedy Tim Lincecum 112 115 Aníbal Sánchez 1735 8.0 Stephen Strasburg 1723 113 62 10.5 1708 149 99 1707 194 151 1700 88 71 Roy Oswalt 7.3 5.1 Mark Buehrle 1700 88 71 1694 104 118 10.9 Matt Cain 7.3 7.9 J.A. Happ Carlos Zambrano 1661 133 100 7.5 9.0 9.6 7.1 80 66 98 97 Lance Lynn Corey Kluber 1632 116 109 1626 Jered Weaver Scott Kazmir 1618 108 Charlie Morton 1613 112 Barry Zito Tim Hudson 1598 173 116 5.6 7.8 Yovani Gallardo 1584 121 101 Rick Porcello Kyle Lohse 1551 143 136 5.7 9.5 Oliver Pérez Ryan Dempster 7.5 7.2 6.9 125 106 Ted Lilly 1530 Ricky Nolasco Edwin Jackson 1513 114 118 1508 107 133 1505 Jacob deGrom 1505 77 53 1482 141 124 10.7 Bronson Arroyo 1480 86 85 1473 120 117 R.A. Dickey 6.4 9.5 Randy Johnson 1463 103 through Sunday; baseball-reference

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LA Dodgers	2.72	44	14	54	480	.212
Houston	3.11	49	23	63	538	.216
NY Yankees	3.26	37	14	73	544	.224
Tampa Bay	3.35	25	21	54	438	.233
San Fran.	3.51	29	25	40	469	.247
Miami	3.63	28	35	63	489	.226
NY Mets	3.65	40	24	62	540	.237
San Diego	3.69	32	26	61	552	.225
Seattle	3.69	32	35	76	457	.253
Philadelphia	3.80	30	29	60	491	.241
Milwaukee	3.85	32	27	63	538	.238
Minnesota	3.90	30	25	57	374	.244
Toronto	3.91	34	25	64	468	.258
Atlanta	3.96	40	27	51	534	.240
LA Angels	4.01	28	35	56	470	.235
Cleveland	4.02	23	33	67	441	.252
St. Louis	4.03	28	36	60	389	.252
Chi Wh. Sox	4.05	28	36	65	498	.247
Arizona	4.24	25	29	62	396	.245
Texas	4.33	25	26	55	414	.257
Boston	4.35	27	29	63	425	.255
Oakland	4.49	21	47	74	401	.250
Pittsburgh	4.64	12	35	56	389	.267
Baltimore	4.71	23	28	67	349	.276
Chi Cubs	4.71	19	36	66	376	.253
Kansas City		19	40	64	370	.272
Detroit	4.97	19	42	71	358	.261
Colorado	5.12	26	36	69	372	.289
Cincinnati	5.30	19	45	77	471	.258
Washington	5.77	23	53	88	409	.284
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RELIEVERS	ERA	W	L	sv	HR	BA
Houston	2.74	15	9	30	21	.202
NY Yankees	2.97	29	17	33	20	.205
Atlanta	3.09	18	12	34	32	.220
Baltimore	3.14	24	20	26	36	.231
Detroit	3.18	19	16	23	22	.227
LA Dodgers	3.33	20	16	29	33	.221
Seattle	3.40	19	10	23	43	.210
Tampa Bay	3.46	27	22	27	53	.233
NY Mets	3.53	19	13	27	42	.225
St. Louis	3.54	23	10	23	38	.232
Cleveland	3.69	25	13	23	37	.221
Texas	3.77	18	25	21	44	.229
San Diego	3.86	22	17	33	32	.234
Philadelphia	3.87	19	17	23	32	.233
Minnesota	3.87	22	19	20	55	.232
Milwaukee	3.93	21	16	36	45	.227
Miami	3.95	17	15	24	35	.246
Chi Wh. Sox	4.05	20	12	27	38	.243
Toronto	4.05	19		27	50	.236
LA Angels	4.11	12	20	21	49	.237
Oakland	4.15	14	16	22	33	.244
Chi Cubs	4.23	19	21	20	59	.247
San Fran.	4.28	19	22	19	36	.259
Boston	4.28	21	19	19	42	.235
Arizona	4.30	17	24	19	40	.257
Washington		9	12	16	53	.247
Kansas City	4.58	19	17	22	35	.259
Pittsburgh	4.69	28		24	47	.254
Colorado	4.69	17	17	27	35	.251
Cincinnati	5.28		13		55	.253
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Devers Bos	87	349	62	113	.32
Kirk Tor	85	276	47	88	.31
Benintendi KC	89	330	38	105	.31
Gurriel Jr. Tor	86	314	40	99	.31
Bogaerts Bos	91	335	54	105	.31
T.Anderson ChW	68	284	47	88	.31
Alvarez Hou	79	277	61	85	.30
France Sea	81	322	36	98	.30
Gimenez Cle	83	270	35	82	.30

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HOME RUNS: Judge, New York, 37; Alvarez, Houston, 28; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Stanton, New York, 24; Buxton, Minnesota, 23; Seager, Texas, 23; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 20; Guerrero Jr.,

Toronto, 20. **RBI:** Judge, New York, 81; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 78; Alvarez, Houston, 65; Tucker Houston 63: Stanton New York, 61; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 60; Story, Boston, 58; A.Garcia, Texas, 58; Rizzo, New York, 57; Ohtani, Los Ange

RUNS: Judge, New York, 80; Devers, Boston, 62; Alvarez, Houston, 61; LeMahieu, New York, 61; Rizzo, New York, 56; Trout, Los Angeles, 55; Altuve, Houston, 54; Arraez, Minnesota, 54; Bogaerts, Boston, 54; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 54; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 54; Rosario, Cleveland, 54; Springer

Toronto, 54. **HITS:** Devers, Boston, 113; J.Abreu, Chicago, 109; Arraez, Minnesota, 108; Benintendi, Kansas City, 106; Bogaerts Boston, 106; Rosario, Cleveland, 106; Judge, New York, 105; Bichette Toronto, 102; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 102; France, Seattle, 100; Gurriel Jr.,

Toronto, 100. DOUBLES: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 32; J.Martinez, Boston, 30; Devers, Boston, 29: Gurriel, Houston, 27: J.Abreu. Chicago, 26; Bogaerts, Boston, 24; Gurriel Jr., Toronto, 24; Hays, Baltimore, 23: Mullins. Baltimore, 23; S.Murphy,

TRIPLES: Rosario, Cleveland, 6; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 5; A.Garcia, Texas, 4; Mateo, Baltimore, 4; J.Ramirez, Cleve-land, 4; Buxton, Minnesota, 3; Dozier, Kansas City, 3; Ja.Duran, Boston, 3; Gordon, Minnesota, 3; Kwan, Cleveland, 3; Odor, Baltimore, 3; Rivera, Kansas STOLEN BASES: Mateo, Baltimore,

23; J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 21; Mullins, Baltimore, 20; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 20; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 19; Semien, Texas, 17; Tucker, Houston, 16; A.Garcia. Texas. 14: Kiner-Falefa, New York 14; Merrifield, Kansas City, 14.

PITCHING: Verlander, Houston, 13-3; Manoah, Toronto, 11-4; Taillon, New York, 10-2; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 10-3; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-4; Cease, Chicago, 10-4; Cole, New York, 9-3; F.Valdez, Houston, 9-4; Urquidy, Hous-ton, 9-4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 9-5. ERA: McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 1.71; Verlander, Houston, 1.86; Cease, Chicago, 2.03; Manoah, Toronto, 2.24; Cortes. New York, 2.48: M.Perez, Texas 2.59; F.Valdez, Houston, 2.74; Gilbert, Seattle, 2.77; Gausman, Toronto, 3.00; Irvin, Oakland, 3.08.

SAVES: Romano, Toronto, 21; Clase, Cleveland, 20; Pressly, Houston, 20; Henriks, Chicago, 18; JorgeLopez, Balti-more, 18; Soto, Detroit, 18; Holmes, New York, 17; Barlow, Kansas City, 16; Iglesias, Los Angeles, 15; Barlow, **HOLDS:** Z. Jackson, Oakland, 19; Neris,

Houston, 18; Fulmer, Detroit, 17; King, New York, 16; Santana, Texas, 16. STRIKEOUTS: Cease, Chicago, 154; Cole, New York, 153; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 147; Ray, Seattle, 136; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 134; Verlander Houston, 117; Gausman, Toronto, 116; Javier, Houston, 115; Gilbert, Seattle, 112; Skubal, Detroit, 111. through Sunday

2022 BATTER S PLAYER (UTS	TM	HR	ВВ	S
Eugenio Suárez	278	SEA	16	48	13
Patrick Wisdom	265	CHC	17	41	12
Kyle Schwarber	286	PHI	30	53	12
Adolis García	280	TEX	17	22	10
Brandon Marsh	223	LAA	8	20	10
C.J. Cron	268	COL	22	26	10
Dansby Swansor		ATL	15	31	10
Aaron Judge	268	NYY	37	47	10
Austin Rilev	272	ATL	28	30	10
Bo Bichette	310	TOR	14	27	10
	250	BOS	15	28	10
Trevor Story Matt Olson	289		18	49	10
		ATL			
Jared Walsh	253	LAA	13	16	10
Joey Gallo	192	NYY	12	40	10
Julio Rodríguez	263	SEA	16	26	10
Luke Voit	221	SDP	12	37	10
Adam Duvall	232	ATL	12	21	10
Chris Taylor	198	LAD	6	29	10
Cody Bellinger	263	LAD	12	26	10
Rhys Hoskins	271	PHI	19	46	10
Franmil Reyes	197	CLE	9	13	ç
Nick Castellanos	292	PHI	8	22	ç
Mike Trout	209	LAA	24	39	ç
Ryan McMahon	248	COL	7	41	ç
Christian Yelich	265	MIL	8	49	ç
Randy Arozarena	282	TBR	12	24	ç
Kole Calhoun	237	TEX	11	20	c
Jorge Mateo	240	BAL	7	16	ç
Shohei Ohtani	268	LAA	20	45	ç
Giancarlo Stanto		NYY	24	35	ç
Matt Chapman	250	TOR	16	31	ç
Eduardo Escobar		NYM	11	26	ç
Byron Buxton	215	MIN	23	24	ç
Tommy Pham	256	CIN	11	40	ç
Jorge Soler	226	MIA	13	31	ç
Avisaíl García	245	MIA	7	11	8
Trent Grisham	255	SDP	10	40	8
	253		13	25	8
Nathaniel Lowe	236	TEX			8
Willy Adames		MIL	20	30	
Jake Cronenwort		SDP	9	44	8
Ryan Mountcast		BAL	14	19	8
Francisco Lindor	293	NYM	16	36	8
Bobby Witt	277	KCR	14	20	8
Garrett Cooper	224	MIA	7	27	8
Josh Donaldson	221	NYY	9	31	8
Paul Goldschmid		STL	24	48	8
Robbie Grossma		DET	2	35	8
Marcell Ozuna	288	ATL	18	26	8
Jesús Aguilar	260	MIA	11	21	8
Bobby Dalbec	191	BOS	8	23	8
Teoscar Hernánd	lez210	TOR	13	19	8
J.D. Martinez	235	BOS	9	31	8
Daulton Varsho	251	ARI	13	27	8
lan Happ	254	CHC	9	42	8
Pete Alonso	276	NYM	25	35	8
Brett Phillips	153	TBR	5	16	8
Andrew Velazqu			5	9	8
Seth Brown	238	OAK	12	19	8
Nelson Cruz	259	WSN	8	37	8
	259	MIA	11	22	8
Jesús Sánchez					
Trea Turner	279	LAD	15	27	3
through Sunday;					

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS BATTING AVG. G AB R H AVG. 93 352 68 118 .335 Freeman LAD Bell Was .305 T.Turner LAD

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30; Riley, Atlanta, 28; Alonso, New York, 25: Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 24: Betts, Los Angeles, 22; C.Walker, Arizona, 22; Cron, Colorado, 22; Adames, Milwau kee, 20; Soto, Washington, 20; Hoskins Philadelphia, 19, RBI: Alonso, New York, 82; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 77; Cron, Colorado

70; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 69; Lindor, New York, 66; Riley, Atlanta, 63; Freeman, Los Angeles, 62: Olson, Atlanta, 62; Arenado, St. Louis, 59; Schwarber, RUNS: Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 68; Betts Los Angeles, 67: Freeman, Los Angeles 65; Edman, St. Louis, 64; Schwarber,

Philadelphia, 63; Swanson, Atlanta, 63: Yelich, Milwaukee, 61: Cronenworth San Diego, 60; Nimmo, New York, 59; Riley, Atlanta, 58, HITS: Freeman, Los Angeles, 120; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 118; T.Turner,

Los Angeles, 116; Riley, Atlanta, 109; Swanson, Atlanta, 109; Bell, Washington, 107; Cron, Colorado, 105; Arenado, St. Louis, 102; Blackmon, Colorado, 96 Edman, St. Louis, 96; M.Machado, San **DOUBLES:** Olson, Atlanta, 35; Freeman,

Los Angeles, 32; Goldschmidt, St. Louis 28; K.Marte, Arizona, 27; Arenado, St. Louis, 24; Cronenworth, San Diego, 23; Happ, Chicago, 23; Riley, Atlanta, 23; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 23; Bell, Washington, 22; J.Turner, Los Angeles, 22. TRIPLES: Lux, Los Angeles, 5; Nimmo New York, 5; Blackmon, Colorado, 4; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 4; Gregorius. Phil adelphia, 4; Joe, Colorado, 4; Morel Chicago, 4; Wong, Milwaukee, 4; Yelich, Milwaukee, 4; 16 tied at 3. STOLEN BASES: Berti, Miami, 28;

Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 20; Edman, St. Louis, 20; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 17; Bader, St. Louis, 15; Swanson, Atlanta, 14; Estrada, San Francisco, 13; Yelich, Milwaukee, 13; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 12; S.Marte, New York, 12; Realmuto, Phil-PITCHING: Wright, Atlanta, 12-4;

Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 11-0; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 10-1; Fried, Atlanta, 10-3; Carrasco, New York, 10-4; Webb, San Francisco, 9-3; Alcantara, Miami, 9-4; Darvish, San Diego, 9-4; Me.Kelly, Arizona, 9-5; J.Urias, Los Angeles, 9-6. ERA: Alcantara, Miami, 1.81; Gonsolin Los Angeles, 2.02; Burnes, Milwaukee, 2.20; Musgrove, San Diego, 2.42; Fried, Atlanta, 2.64; J.Urias, Los Angeles, 2.72; Webb, San Francisco, 2.77; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 2.78; T.Ander son, Los Angeles, 2.79; Mikolas, St.

SAVES: Hader, Milwaukee, 28; Rogers, San Diego, 28; Jensen, Atlanta, 22; Ed.Diaz, New York 21; Bard, Colorado, 20; Kimbrel, Los Angeles, 17; Robertson, Chicago, 14; Melancon, Arizona,

HOLDS: D.Williams, Milwaukee, 23; Minter, Atlanta, 18; Boxberger, Milwau-kee, 17; Garcia, San Diego, 16; Bass, Miami 15; Crowe, Pittsburgh, 14; Smith New York, 14; Okert, Miami, 13; five

STRIKEOUTS: Burnes, Milwaukee, 149; Rodon, San Francisco, 138; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 137; Alcantara, Miami, 133; Morton, Atlanta, 121; Bassitt, New York. 115; Wright, Atlanta, 115; Strider, Atlanta, 114; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 114: H.Greene, Cincinnati, 113. through Sunday

TM	PITCHER	TIME		ERA	TR	W-L	IP 0.1	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
StL Tor	Pallante (R) Berríos (R)	7:07p	3-4 7-4	3.34 5.22	4-4 14-5	0-0 0-0	0.1 6.1	0.00 4.26	1-1 1-0	14.1 18.1	8.16 2.95
NYY	Montgomery (L		3-2	3.24	9-10	0-2	7.2	9.39	0-0	18.0	3.50
NYM	Walker (R)	7:10p	7-2	2.55	9-7	1-0	11.2	5.40	1-0	19.0	1.89
SD Det	Clevinger (R) Hill (R)	7:10p	2-3 1-2	3.50 5.62	6-3 1-2	0-0 0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3 1-2	17.1 16.0	4.67 5.62
Min Mil	Bundy (R) Small (L)	8:10p	6-4 0-0	4.70 6.75	7-9 1-0	0-0 0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0 0-0	15.1 2.2	4.70 6.75
ChW Col	Kopech (R) TBD	8:40p	3-6 0-0	3.36 0.00	7-10 0-0	0-0 0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1 0-0	15.0 0.0	6.00
AME	RICAN LEAGUE		20)22		202	2 VS (OPP	LAST	3 ST/	RTS
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
TB Bal	McClanahan (L) Watkins (R)	7:05p	10-3 3-1	1.71 3.93	12-6 7-5	0-0 0-0	4.1 0.0	0.00	2-0 2-0	19.1 17.2	1.40 1.53
Cle	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Bos	Winckowski (R)	7:10p	3-4	4.38	3-4	1-0	5.1	3.38	0-3	17.0	5.29
LAA	Suarez (L)		1-4	5.60	3-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	12.0	9.00
KC	TBD	8:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Hou Oak	TBD Montas (R)	9:40p	0-0 3-9	0.00 3.16	0-0 4-14	0-0 0-1	0.0 7.0	0.00 2.57	0-0 0-2	0.0 10.0	0.00 2.70
Tex	Dunning (R)		1-6	4.42	4-14	0-1	11.0	4.09	0-1	13.2	5.93
Sea	Kirby (R)	10:10p	2-3	3.78	7-5	0-0	6.0	3.00	0-1	15.1	5.87
NATIO	ONAL LEAGUE		20)22		202	2 VS (OPP	LAST	3 ST/	RTS
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Pit	Wilson (R)	2.20-	1-5	6.52	5-4	0-0	8.1	6.48	1-1	16.0	2.81
ChC	Thompson (R)	2:20p	7-4	3.43	6-6	2-0	15.0	0.60	0-1	14.0	3.86
Mia Cin	López (R) Greene (R)	6:40p	6-5 3-11	3.14 5.78	11-8 4-14	0-0 0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1 0-2	15.0 16.1	4.20 6.06

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent

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RESULTS, SCHEDULE

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AMERICAN LEAGUE MONDAY'S RESULTS Tampa Bay at Baltimore, late Cleveland at Boston, late San Diego at Detroit, late L.A. Angels at Kansas City, late Houston at Oakland, late

Texas at Seattle, late **WEDNESDAY'S GAMES** San Diego at Detroit, 1:10p.m.

L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 2:10p.m. Minnesota at Milwaukee, 2:10p.m. Chi. White Sox at Colorado, 3:10p.m Houston at Oakland, 3:37p.m. Texas at Seattle, 3:40p.m. Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05p.m. St. Louis at Toronto, 7:07p.m. Cleveland at Boston, 7:10p.m N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7:10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS Chi. White Sox 6. Cleveland 3 Minnesota 9, Detroit 1 L.A. Angels 9, Atlanta 1 N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 0 Kansas City 4, Tampa Bay 2 Toronto 8, Boston 4 Houston 8. Seattle 5 Texas 11. Oakland 8

NATIONAL LEAGUE MONDAY'S RESULTS Miami at Cincinnati, late Atlanta at Philadelphia, late

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San Diego at Detroit, late Pittsburgh at Chi. Cubs, late Colorado at Milwaukee, late San Francisco at Arizona, late Washington at L.A. Dodgers, late WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 12:35p.m. San Diego at Detroit, 1:10p.m. Minnesota at Milwaukee, 2:10p.m. Chi. White Sox at Colorado, 3:10p.m. Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10p.m. San Francisco at Arizona, 3:40n.m. Miami at Cincinnati, 6:40p.m St. Louis at Toronto, 7:07p.m. N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7:10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS Chi. Cubs 4. Philadelphia 3 Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 3 Miami 6, Pittsburgh 5 (10) L.A. Angels 9, Atlanta 1 Milwaukee 10, Colorado 9 L.A. Dodgers 7, San Francisco 4 Washington 4, Arizona 3 N.Y. Mets 8, San Diego 5

AROUND THE HORN

■ Rays: Rays standouts Kevin Kiermaier and Mike Zunino are out for the season because of injuries. another significant blow for the defending AL East champions. Manager Kevin Cash said before Monday night's game at Baltimore that Kiermaier is having an operation in the coming weeks. The 32-year-old outfielder hasn't played since July 9 because of a left hip injury, and Kiermaier said earlier this month that he might miss the rest of the regular season. Zunino, a 31-year-old catcher, hasn't played since June 9 because of left shoulder problems. He's out for the season because of thoracic outlet syndrome surgery, according to a team spokesman. The Rays entered Monday's game holding the second of the American League's three wild cards. In addition to missing Kiermaier and Zunino, the Rays are also without Wander Franco, Nick Anderson, Shane Baz, Tyler Glasnow, Manuel Margot and several others who are on the injured list. Brandon Lowe recently returned after missing two months. Kiermaier, a threetime Gold Glove winner, has hit .228 with seven home runs, 22 RBIs and six steals this year. Cash indicated that his operation would be to fix the labrum. "He's been playing with it, and the doctor basically said years ago that you play through it until you can't," Cash said. "Well, we got to the point where he couldn't." Kiermaier is on the 60-day IL and wasn't eligible to return until September. Zunino was eligible to come back next month. Zunino was an All-Star last year, when he hit a career-high 33 home

runs. He's hit .148 with five

on the field.

homers in 36 games this

season ■ Yankees: A decadesold, mint condition Mickey Mantle baseball card could break a record at auction. The collector's item from 1952 features one of baseball's most celebrated and charismatic legends, and is widely regarded as one of just a handful in near-perfect condition. It's estimated the final cost of the card could exceed \$10 million when the auction ends Aug. 27. The record is \$6.6 million for a 1909 Honus Wagner card that was sold at auction a year ago, months after another 70-year-old Mantle card fetched \$5.2 million. Interest was already heavy Monday when the auction debuted online, with bidding already up to at least \$4.2 million. No matter the final price for the rare Mantle rookie card. it will be a hefty profit for the current owner, a New Jersey waste management entrepreneur who bought it for \$50,000 at a New York City show in 1991. "Every time he got up to the plate, the crowd would go crazy, the roars would be there. And he never disappointed you. .. He had that aura about him," card owner Anthony Giordano said of Mantle, who spent his entire career with the New York Yankees from 1951 to 1968. "Whether you're from the New York area or not, or a Yankees fan, it was always Mickey Mantle that was highlighted." The switch-hitting Mantle — "the Mick" — was a Triple Crown winner in 1956, a three-time American League MVP and a seventime World Series champion. The Hall of Famer, who died in 1995, was considered a humble player

SOCCER MLS EASTERN Philadelphia 11 2 9 42 34 15 New York City FC 12 N.Y. Red Bulls 10 12 4 5 41 10 6 6 36 11 8 2 35 41 21 34 25 36 36 CF Montréal Orlando City Columbus 8 6 30 26 5 9 30 27 31 22 38 7 28 2 26 5 26 Cincinnati 33 31 28 34 Charlotte FC 25 24 32 8 26 4 25 6 24 4 22 New Fngland 7 10 6 9 6 12 33 22 29 Atlanta Toronto FC 30 39 5 12 3 18 26 43 W L T PT GF GA WESTERN 14 4 3 45 42 22 12 5 5 41 45 28 d 10 8 4 34 31 26 9 7 6 33 28 27 Los Angeles FC Austin FC 12 Minnesota United 10 Real Salt Lake FC Dallas Nashville 32 28 30 25 28 27 9 3 30 LA Galaxy 9 30 2 29 35 31 28 25 24 37 Portland Seattle 7 10 5 26 24 7 11 4 25 28 6 9 6 24 25 5 9 7 22 34 Vancouver 31 29 Houston Colorado San Jose Sporting KC 5 13 5 20 19 4 Three points for win, one point for tie. 5 13 5 20 19 40

FRIDAY'S MATCH Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 11p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Portland at Minnesota, 3p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 5p.m.
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
New York City FC at CF Montréal, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Miami, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8p.m.
Toronto FC at New England, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose. 100 m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH Orlando City at D.C. United, 5p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2 Colorado at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7:30p.m. FC Dallas at Seattle, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3 D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7p.m. CF Montréal at Columbus, 7:30p.m. Nashville at Portland, 10:30p.m. Miami at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5 Houston at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Red Bulls 4, Austin FC 3

N.Y. Red Bulls 4, Austin FC 3 LA Galaxy 2, Atlanta 0

U.S. OPEN CUP WEDNESDAY, SEMIFINALS N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 5:30p.m.

Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 8:30p.m.

NWSL

HAAADE						
CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego	6	3	4	22	19	11
Portland	5	1	6	21	29	10
Chicago	5	2	5	20	20	16
Houston	5	4	3	18	20	14
Kansas City	5	4	3	18	12	14
OL Reign	4	3	5	17	11	9
Angel City	5	4	2	17	10	11
Orlando	3	5	4	13	12	26
Gotham FC	4	6	0	12	7	18
Louisville	2	5	5	11	13	18
Washington	1	5	7	10	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16
Three points for	win,	one	po	int 1	or ti	e.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at North Carolina, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES San Diego at Chicago, 8p.m. OL Reign at Angel City, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Houston at Gotham FC, 5p.m. Orlando at Kansas City, 7p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2 OL Reign at Louisville, 8p.m.

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EAST	w	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	21	7	.750	_
Connecticut	19	9	.679	2
Washington	17	11	.607	4
Atlanta	12	16	.429	9
New York	10	17	.370	$10\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	5	25	.167	17
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	20	8	.714	_
Seattle	18	10	.643	2
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	71/2
Dallas	12	15	.444	71/2
Phoenix	12	16	.429	8
Minnesota x-clinched playoff	10 spot	19	.345	10½

TUESDAY'S GAMES Las Vegas at Chicago, 8:30p.m. (2022 Commissioner's Cup Final)

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7p.m.
Seattle at Connecticut, 7p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS Dallas 96, Indiana 86 Seattle 82, Atlanta 72 Connecticut 86, Minnesota 79

AUTO RACING

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LATE SUNDAY/NASCAR CUP M&M'S FAN APPRECIATION 400 At Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.; Lap length: 2.5 miles

FF	1 21	DRIVER	M	LAP	PIS
1	3	Chase Elliott	С	160	53
2	16	Tyler Reddick	С	160	35
3	9	Daniel Suárez	С	160	47
4	11	Christopher Bell	Τ	160	35
5	4	Kyle Larson	С	160	45
6	25	Michael McDowell	F	160	32
7	8	Martin Truex Jr	Τ	160	35
8	7	Bubba Wallace	Т	160	29
9	34	Erik Jones	С	160	7
10		Austin Dillon	С	160	27
11		Alex Bowman	С	160	26
12		William Byron	С	160	36
13		Aric Almirola	F	160	24
14		Brad Keselowski	F	160	23
15		Chase Briscoe	F	160	22
16		Ty Gibbs	Ţ	160	0
17		Cole Custer	F	160	20
18		Ricky Stenhouse Jr	С	160	19
19		Corey Lajoie	Ċ	160	20
20		Joey Logano	F	160	17
21		Justin Haley	С	160	16
22		Ty Dillon	Ċ	160	-20
23		Harrison Burton	F	160	14
24		Noah Gragson	C	160	0
25		Todd Gilliland	F	160	12
26		Cody Ware	F	160	11
27		Kevin Harvick	F	160	20
28		JJ Yeley	F	159	0
29		Chris Buescher	F	158	8
30		BJ McLeod	F	158	0
31		Austin Cindric	F	154	6
32		Ross Chastain	C	142-	
33		Ryan Blaney	F	135-	
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RACE STATISTICS Winner's average speed: 122.441 mph. Time: 3 hours, 15 minutes, 59 seconds. Margin of Victory: .927 seconds. Caution Flags: 9 for 37 laps.

Caution Flags: 9 for 37 laps. Lead Changes: 15 among 10 drivers. Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 0; K.Busch 1-12; K.Larson 13-30; H.Burton 31-34; C.Bell 35-48; K.Busch 49-64; M.Truex 65-66; R.Blaney 67-73; E.Jones 74-84; B.Wallace 85-87; K.Busch 88-122; R.Chastal 123; D.Hamlin 124-126; B.Wallace 127; R.Chastain 128-142; D.Hamlin 143-160

ENNIS IP CROATIA OPEN IIMAG

ATP CROATIA OPEN UMAG Monday at ITC Stella Maris, Umag, Croatia, outdoors, Red clay MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 Daniel Elahi Galan d. #7 Fabio Fognini, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Giulio Zeppieri d. Pedro Cachin, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Roberto Carballes Baena d. Henri Laaksonen, 6-4, 7-5. Jaume Munar d. Mikael Ymer, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Marco Cecchinato vs. Mili Poljicak, late

ATP ATLANTA OPEN
Monday at Atlanta Station, Atlanta,
outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#8 Brandon Nakashima vs.
Jordan Thompson, late
Kwon Soon Woo d. Marcos Giron,
7-6(3), 4-6, 7-5.
Taro Daniel d. Sebastian Korda.

ATP GENERALI OPEN
Monday at Tennis Stadium Kitzbuhel,
Kitzbuhel, Austria, outdoor, Red-clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#8 Joao Sousa d. Vit Kopriva, 6-1, 7-5.

Juan Pablo Varillas d. Carlos Taberner, 6-4, 6-3. Jiri Lehecka d. Thiago Monteiro, 7-6(6), 6-4. Filip Misolic d. Daniel Dutra Da Silva,

Jurij Rodionov, f. Hernan Casanova, 6-4, 6-2. DU.S.n Lajovic d. Vitaliy Sachko, 6-4, 7-6(5). Federico Coria d. Cristian Garin,

WTA LIVESPORT PRAGUE OPEN Monday at TK Sparta Praha, Prague, outdoors, hardcourt WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 Magda Linette d. #3 Elise Mertens, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Dailla Jakupovic d.

#6 Alison van Uytvanck, 5-2, retired. #8 Marie Bouzkova d. Sinja Kraus, 6-2, 7-6(2). Nao Hibino d. Mihaela Buzarnescu, 6-2, 6-2.

Wang Qiang d. Rebecca Peterson, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6(4). Zhu Lin d. Vitalia Diatchenko, 6-1, 6-1. Chloe Paquet d. Tereza Martincova, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

WTA BNP PARIBAS POLAND OPEN Monday in Warsaw, Poland, outdoors, harcourt WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #5 Caroline Garcia d. Misaki Doi.

7-5, 6-4. Nadia Podoroska d. Alexandra Ignatik, 6-1, 6-1. Rebeka Masarova d. Tena Lukas, 4-6, 7-6(2), 7-5. Sara Errani d. Paula Ormaechea,

Laura Pigossi d. Varvara Gracheva, 6-2, 6-4. Katerina Siniakova d. Jesika Maleckova, 6-2, 6-4. Viktorija Golubic d. Arianne Hartono,

6-4, 5-7, 6-3. Maja Chwalinska d. Rebeka Masarova, 7-5, 6-2.

	7-5, 6-2.	
1	ATP SINGLES RANKINGS	
1	1. Daniil Medvedev, Russia	7,77
	2. Alexander Zverev, Germany	6,850
	3. Rafael Nadal, Spain	6,16
	4. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece	5,04
	5. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain	4,89
	5. Casper Ruud, Norway	4,89
	7. Novak Djokovic, Serbia	4,77
	B. Andrey Rublev, Russia	3,57
	9. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada	3,44
	10. Jannik Sinner, Italy	3,18
	11. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland	3,02
	12. Taylor Fritz, U.S.	2,96
	13. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain	
	14. Matteo Berrettini, Italy	2,43
	15. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina	2,32
1	16. Marin Cilic, Croatia	2,13
	17. Reilly Opelka, U.S.	2,05
	17. Reilly Operka, 0.3. 18. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria	1,74
	19. Gael Monfils, France	1,61
	20. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain	1,60
	21. Denis Shapovalov, Canada	
		1,57
	22. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain	1,55
	23. Karen Khachanov, Russia	1,48
	24. Francisco Cerundolo, Argentina	
	25. John Isner, U.S.	1,46
	26. Botic Van de Zandschulp, Neth	
	27. Holger Rune, Denmark	1,41
	28. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia	1,38
	29. Frances Tiafoe, U.S.	1,349
	30. Alex de Minaur, Australia	1,34
	31. Lorenzo Musetti, Italy	1,28
	32. Sebastian Baez, Argentina	1,26
	33. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia	1,25
	34. Maxime Cressy, U.S.	1,25
	35. A. Davidovich Fokina, Spain	1,21
	36. Tommy Paul, U.S.	1,19
	37. Aslan Karatsev, Russia	1,183
	38. Alex Molcan, Slovakia	1,12
3	39. Daniel Evans, Great Britain	1,11
	40. Oscar Otte, Germany	1,092
	41. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan	1,06
	42. Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland	1,04
	43. Jenson Brooksby, U.S.	1,03
4	44. Filip Krajinovic, Serbia	1,01
	45. Benjamin Bonzi, France	1,00

46. Tallon Griekspoor, Netherland	S	990
WTA SINGLES RANKINGS		
1. Iga Swiatek, Poland	8	336
2. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia		476
3. Maria Sakkari, Greece		190
4. Paula Badosa, Spain		030
5. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia		010
6. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus		267
7. Jessica Pegula, U.S.	3,	087
8. Garbine Muguruza, Spain	2,	886
9. Danielle Collins, U.S.	2,	743
10. Emma Raducanu, Gr. Britain	2,	717
11. Coco Gauff, U.S.		647
12. Daria Kasatkina, Russia		635
13. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland		635
14. Leylah Fernandez, Canada		534
15. Karolina Pliskova, Cz. Rep.		
		477
16. Simona Halep, Romania		415
17. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia		302
18. Barbora Krejcikova, Cz. Rep.		134
19. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia		
20. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus		016
21. Jil Teichmann, Switzerland	1,	985
22. Amanda Anisimova, U.S.	1,	831
23. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan	1,	805
24. Martina Trevisan, Italy	1,	789
25. Petra Kvitova, Cz. Rep.	1.	786
26. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil		782
27. Madison Keys, U.S.		725
28. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia		
29. Camila Giorgi, Italy		689
30. Elise Mertens, Belgium		515
31. Angelique Kerber, Germany		419
32. Alison Riske, U.S.		401
33. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania		384
34. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus		341
35. Sorana Cirstea, Romania		330
36. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia		317
37. Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain		266
38. Alize Cornet, France		242
39. Zhang Shuai, China	1,	240
40. Naomi Osaka, Japan	1,	235
41. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan	1,	235
42. Alison van Uytvanck, Belgium		
43. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine		201
44. Shelby Rogers, U.S.		179
45. Caroline Garcia, France		155
46. Mayar Sherif, Egypt		147

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ODDS			
MLB		TUES	SDAY
NATIONAL LEA		IIIIDEDDOO	
FAVORITE		UNDERDOG	LINE
at Chi Cubs			+116
		at Cincinnati	
	-126		
San Francisco		at Arizona	+116
at LA Dodgers	-255	Washington	+205
AMERICAN LEA	AGUE		
Tampa Bay	-196	at Baltimore	+164
at Boston	off	Cleveland	off
at Kansas City	off	LA Angels	off
	off	Houston	off
at Seattle	-156	Texas	+132
INTERLEAGUE			
at Toronto	-235	St. Louis	+194
at Detroit	off		off
NY Yankees			
at Milwaukee			off
at Colorado	off	Chi White Sox	

For the latest odds, go to

WORLD GOL RANKINGS				
RK. GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG		
1. Scottie Scheffler		10.46		
2. Cameron Smith	Australia	8.92		
3. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	8.22		
4. Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	7.42		
5. Jon Rahm	Spain	7.25		
6. Xander Schauffele	U.S.	7.20		
7. Justin Thomas	U.S.	6.72		
8. Collin Morikawa	U.S.	6.62		
9. Viktor Hovland	Norway	6.47		
10. Matt Fitzpatrick	England	6.05		
11. Sam Burns	U.S.	5.96		
12. Jordan Spieth	U.S.	5.78		
13. Will Zalatoris	U.S.	5.32		
14. Billy Horschel	U.S.	4.83		
15. Hideki Matsuvama	Japan	4.74		
16. Tony Finau	U.S.	4.62		
17. Dustin Johnson	U.S.	4.30		
18. Joaquin Niemann	Chile	4.09		
19. Cameron Young	U.S.	4.06		
20. Max Homa	Mexico	3.71		
21. Sungjae Im	S. Korea	3.67		
22. Abraham Ancer	Mexico	3.63		
23. Brooks Koepka	U.S.	3.59		
24. Shane Lowry	Irleland	3.54		
25. Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	3.35		
26. Tommy Fleetwood	England	3.29		
27. Kevin Kisner	U.S.	3.25		
28. Tyrrell Hatton		3.23		
29. Daniel Berger	England U.S.	3.23		
30. Bryson DeChambeau		3.18		
31. Paul Casey	England	3.15		
32. Corey Conners	Canada	3.14		
33. Harris English	U.S.	2.91		
34. Kevin Na	U.S.	2.89		
35. Thomas Pieters	Belgium	2.85		
36. Jason Kokrak	U.S.	2.79		
37. Seamus Power	Ireland	2.76		
38. Harold Varner III	U.S.	2.74		
39. Joohyung Kim	S. Korea	2.69		
40. Adam Scott	Australia	2.68		
41. Talor Gooch	U.S.	2.60		
42. Aaron Wise	U.S.	2.59		
43. Tom Hoge	U.S.	2.55		
44. Kyoung-Hoon Lee	S. Korea	2.52		
45. Patrick Reed	U.S.	2.51		
46. Keegan Bradley	U.S.	2.50		
47. Brian Harman	U.S.	2.44		
48. Ryan Fox	N. Zealand	2.30		
49. G. Mito Pereira	Chile	2.29		

50. Cameron Tringale U.S. PGA FEDEX CUP LEADERS PK GOLFFP POINTS

RK. GOLFER	POINTS	MONEY
1. Scottie Scheffler	3,556	\$13,176,910
2. Cameron Smith	2,335	\$9,847,004
3. Sam Burns	2,275	\$6,732,923
4. Xander Schauffe		\$6,523,099
5. Rory McIlroy	2,104	\$8,234,566
6. Patrick Cantlav	1.900	\$5,999,805
7. Justin Thomas	1,783	\$6,532,983
8. Hideki Matsuvar		\$5,708,548
9. Will Zalatoris		
10. Matt Fitzpatrick	1,600 < 1,596	\$6,532,354
		\$6,493,972
11. Max Homa	1,592	\$5,033,132
12. Jordan Spieth	1,574	\$4,830,194
13. Cameron Young		\$5,672,611
14. Sungjae Im	1,488	\$4,322,024
15. Jon Rahm	1,449	\$4,348,220
16. Tom Hoge	1,424	\$4,271,346
17. Tony Finau	1,412	\$4,021,636
18. Billy Horschel	1,377	\$4,824,914
19. Viktor Hovland	1,314	\$4,647,899
20. Talor Gooch	1,302	\$3,718,990
21. Joaquin Niemar		\$4,395,167
22. J.T. Poston	1,108	\$2,998,272
23. Collin Morikawa	a 1,089	\$4,309,271
24. Davis Riley	993	\$2,954,369
25. Seamus Power	990	\$3,068,741
26. Cameron Tringa	ale 952	\$2,999,771
27. Shane Lowry	940	\$3,246,355
28. Luke List	938	\$2,702,170
29. Maverick McNe	aly 936	\$2,522,117
30. Keegan Bradley	914	\$3,563,310
31. Sepp Straka	909	\$2,983,184
32. Kevin Kisner	906	\$3,565,912
33. J.J. Spaun	903	\$2,508,802
34. Aaron Wise	900	\$3,004,947
35. Corey Conners	898	\$3,148,232
36. Mito Pereira	888	\$2,708,825
37. Keith Mitchell	883	\$2,883,842
38. Sahith Theegala		\$2,597,627
39. Kyoung-Hoon L		\$2,631,026
40. Denny McCarth		\$2,625,709
41. Jason Kokrak	801	\$2,339,960
42. Kurt Kitayama	797	\$2,260,542
43. Lucas Herbert	796	\$2,310,940
44. Sebastian Mun		\$2,435,041
45. Mackenzie Hug		\$2,200,582
46. Russell Henley	767	\$2,200,362
47. Tommy Fleetwo		\$2,874,008
48. Scott Stallings	732	\$1,986,706
49. Chez Reavie	707	\$1,819,155
50. Adam Hadwin	705	\$2,458,806
51. Matt Kuchar	696	\$1,983,550
52. Si Woo Kim	696	\$1,995,201
53. Emiliano Grillo	691	\$1,827,511
54. Brian Harman	691	\$2,259,489
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56. Harold Varner I		\$2,255,441
57. Alex Noren	681	\$1,935,831

55. Christiaan Bezuide	nhout	690
\$1,866,924		
56. Harold Varner III	682	\$2,255,441
57. Alex Noren	681	\$1,935,831
58. Tyrrell Hatton	674	\$2,438,481
59. Brendan Steele	665	\$2,392,819
60. Chris Kirk	658	\$2,248,263
61. Marc Leishman	656	\$1,879,061
62. Matt Jones	653	\$1,914,560
63. Hudson Swafford	640	\$1,714,926
64. Alex Smalley	606	\$1,460,380
65. Lanto Griffin	592	\$1,717,566
66. Troy Merritt	584	\$1,612,454
67. Brendon Todd	577	\$1,597,074
68. Trey Mullinax	574	\$1,340,825
69. Gary Woodland	573	\$1,956,682
70. Matthew Wolff	572	\$1,485,181
71. Beau Hossler	569	\$1,665,094
72. Chad Ramey	568	\$1,281,224
73. Anirban Lahiri	567	\$2,885,673
74. Adam Long	564	\$1,364,131
75. Matthew NeSmith	561	\$1,508,814
76. Cameron Davis	559	\$1,507,069
77. Adam Scott	532	\$1,835,142
78. Daniel Berger	529	\$1,769,539
79. Joel Dahmen	522	\$1,699,656
80. Abraham Ancer	510	\$1,777,504
81. Mark Hubbard	504	\$1,163,941
82. Kevin Streelman	502	\$1,333,470
83. Patrick Rodgers	491	\$1,270,527
84. Danny Lee	490	\$1,265,934
85. Aaron Rai	489	\$1,295,951
86. Brandon Wu	487	\$1,223,250
87. C.T. Pan	473	\$1,313,259
88. Andrew Putnam	472	\$1,258,956
89. Peter Malnati	471	\$1,223,545
90. David Lipsky	462	\$1,142,661
91. Adam Schenk	461	\$1,260,637
92. Russell Knox	460	\$1,573,275
93. Justin Rose	452	\$1,410,131
94. Adam Svensson	448	\$1,090,766
95. Wyndham Clark	445	\$1,150,905
96. Taylor Moore	423	\$1.049.751

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LATE SUNDAY: PGA TOUR 3M OPEN	J	
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Minn., 7,431 yards; Par		,,
267 (-17)		\$1,350,000
Tony Finau (500)		67-68-65-67
270 (-14)		\$667,500
Emiliano Grillo (245)		67-65-67-71
Sungjae Im (245)		65-70-67-68
271 (-13)		\$315,625
James Hahn (115)		69-70-67-65
Tom Hoge (115)		67-68-66-70
Scott Piercy (115)		65-64-66-76
274 (-10)		\$235,625
Greyson Sigg		70-68-64-72
Callum Tarren		71-63-71-69 72-66-68-68
Danny Willett 275 (-9)		\$204.375
Chesson Hadlev		5204,373 68-69-66-72
276 (-8)	'	\$160,875
Kelly Kraft		70-71-68-67
Peter Malnati		68-69-69-70
J.T. Poston		71-69-64-72
Andrew Putnam		71-68-64-73
Robert Streb		68-67-71-70
277 (-7)		\$103,313
Scott Brown		69-74-64-70
Cameron Champ		75-68-67-67
Cameron Davis		70-68-70-69
Doug Ghim		67-68-65-77
Michael Gligic		72-69-67-69
Lee Hodges		70-67-67-73
Hank Lebioda		68-74-67-68
Adam Long		69-69-67-72
278 (-6)		\$69,375
Stewart Cink		71-69-65-73
Austin Smotherman		72-70-67-69
279 (-5)		\$55,875
Hayden Buckley		72-70-68-69
Joohyung Kim		73-68-67-71 72-69-66-72
Cameron Percy Michael Thompson		72-69-66-72 72-69-68-70
Matt Wallace		72-69-66-70 70-70-71-68
280 (-4)		\$42.911
Paul Barjon		72-67-69-72
Rvan Brehm		71-71-68-70
Brice Garnett		67-71-68-74
Chris Gotterup		75-67-69-69

Scott Gutschewski

Ryan Palmer

72-67-70-71



Commissioner Rob Manfred and Major League Baseball proposed a 2024 international draft include spending of \$191 million for the top 600 players, but the players' union rejected the offer. JAEC. HONG/AP

BASEBALL

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MLB players' union rejects international draft proposal

By Ronald Blum Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's goal of an international amateur draft was thwarted again when the players' association rejected management's final offer on Monday and retained direct draft-pick compensation for free agents.

The quirky tie between the two provisions was established in the March 10 agreement that ended the 99-day lockout and preserved a 162-game season. The sides gave themselves until July 25 to reach an agreement on an international draft, which MLB has sought since 2002, and specified the draft-pick provision would be dropped in the event of a deal.

There was little movement over the four months. The union made an offer during a Zoom meeting Saturday, and MLB presented what it termed its final proposal in an email Sunday. Union officials forwarded that plan to the players' executive board and said they planned to reject it.

Hearing no opposition, union deputy executive director Bruce Meyer telephoned deputy commissioner Dan Halem with the rejection at about 3:45 p.m. Monday.

The decision, announced about eight hours before the deadline, was the final step needed to complete the collective bargaining agreement. Retaining compensation is likely to limit the market for some older players set to become free agents, a group set to include Anthony Rizzo, J.D. Martinez, Chris Sale and Charlie Morton.

"Each of our proposals was focused on protecting against the scenario that all players fear the most — the erosion of our game on the world stage, with international players becoming the latest victim in baseball's prioritization of efficiency over fundamental fairness," the union said in a statement. "The league's responses fell well short of anything players could consider a fair deal."

As a result, the international signing bonus pool total for 2022-23 will remain at

\$167 million, its level in 2021-22, according to a side letter between MLB and the union whose contents were divulged to Associated Press. The total will increase starting in 2023-24 by any corresponding percentage rise in industry revenue since 2019 — the last year before the pandemic.

The decision keeps in place a system of qualifying offers for free agents that began in 2012. A club can make a qualifying offer following the World Series to a free agent who has been with the team since opening day, a one-year contract for the average of the top 125 deals by average annual value. Last year's figure was \$18.4 million.

If a player rejects a qualifying offer and signs elsewhere, the signing team is subject to a loss of one or two amateur draft picks and a reduction in international signing bonus pool allotment.

Craig Kimbrel and Dallas Keuchel, unhappy with offers during the offseason and spring training, delayed signing in 2019 until June, after the draft pick compensation no longer was attached.

Top players have found robust markets. This year's free-agent group is headed by Aaron Judge, Jacob deGrom and Trea Turner.

"We are disappointed the MLBPA chose the status quo over transitioning to an international draft that would have guaranteed future international players larger signing bonuses and better educational opportunities, while enhancing transparency to best address the root causes of corruption in the current system," MLB said in a statement.

An amateur draft was established for residents of the United States and Canada in 1965 and extended to residents of U.S. territories such as Puerto Rico in 1990. MLB has pushed for a similar international amateur draft, saying part of its rationale was to combat illicit agreements made before players are age eligible — at least 17 at the time of signing or 16 at the time as long as the player turns 17 by the Sept. 1 of the contract's first season.

IN BRIEF

GB police to review Dillon incident

News services

Green Bay police say their internal affairs department is conducting a review after a video on social media showed an officer grabbing Packers running back A.J. Dillon during a Saturday night soccer match at Lambeau Field.

Video posted on social media showed Dillon in the end zone greeting fans in the stands during the exhibition match between FC Bayern Munich and Manchester City FC. Dillon appeared to be on the verge of doing a Lambeau leap into the crowd when the video showed an officer grabbing him by the back of his collar and giving him a shove.

After fans booed and Dillon appeared to offer an explanation, the officer backed off and allowed Dillon to jump into the stands. When the video gained attention, Dillon tweeted out his account of what happened.

"It is clear that there was a miscommunication between the officer and Mr. Dillon," Green Bay police chief Chris Davis said Monday in a statement. "The Green Bay Police Department appreciates the perspective and supportive words from Mr. Dillon. The Green Bay Police Department Professional Standards/Internal Affairs Division has initiated a review of this incident."

Davis' statement didn't identify the officer shown on the video.

Dillon said on social media that a couple of security officials had helped him come down to the field during a rain delay in

do a Lambeau leap to excite the crowd. "I'm assuming (the officer) missed them telling me to come down," Dillon said.

Saturday's soccer match so that he could

In a later tweet, Dillon described the incident as "just miscommunication between parties."

■ The NFL is making its move into offering its own media streaming platform. The league announced that "NFL+" launched on Monday. Owners were briefed about it during the league meetings in May while Brian Rolapp, the NFL's chief media and business officer, confirmed in a column for "Sports Illustrated" last week that it would be starting this season.

College basketball: First-year South Carolina coach Lamont Paris has signed five-star recruit Gregory "GG" Jackson. The 6-foot-9 Jackson was among the top prospects for the 2023 class, but has instead reclassified to this year and will be eligible immediately.

NBA: Organizers and members of Philadelphia's Chinatown say they were surprised by the 76ers' announcement that they hope to build a \$1.3 billion arena just a block from the community's gateway arch. They say no one reached out for community input before the announcement. Now, they fear that they'll be merely a stepping stone for people visiting the arena and that real estate values will price out older and immigrant residents.

NHL: Center Isac Lundeström has agreed to a two-year, \$3.6 million contract with the Ducks. Lundeström and the Ducks avoided arbitration with the deal announced Monday. Anaheim general manager Pat Verbeek has re-signed all of the club's restricted free agents. The 22-year-old Lundeström had 16 goals and 19 assists last year in his first full NHL season, ranking fourth on the roster in goals. The Swede also excelled as a penalty killer, tying Corey Perry's franchise record with four shorthanded goals.

SPORTS



After helping the Celtics reach the NBA Finals in June, Jaylen Brown has found his name in rumors of trade discussions for the Nets' Kevin Durant, MATT STONE/BOSTON HERALD

CELTICS

Brown shows frustration amid swirling trade rumors

By Mark Murphy Boston Herald

It's part of the package for newly minted NBA stars. As the league's trade season heats up, the brightest

names drive the flow. And Jaylen Brown, long thought to be part of the Celtics' anticipated pitch for Kevin Durant, was the only element that made sense once the Nets star demanded a trade earlier this summer. Reports on Monday by ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski and The Athletic's Shams Charania placed Brown at the head of a Celtics' offer (also including picks and Derrick White) for Durant, with Charania adding that the Nets countered with a demand for the inclusion of Marcus Smart.

Brown, who had recently posted a video of his underwater weights routine, responded on Twitter with a simple, frustrated post: "smh."

It's become common, especially on local talk radio, to debate whether Brown wants to remain a Celtic. But according to a league source quite familiar with the young star's thinking, the tweet reflected Brown's dismay at the thought he would be

sent away from the only NBA home he has known.

"He loves it in Boston. He was two games away from a championship," the source told the Herald. "He's happy and looking forward to coming back. ... Like Kawhi (Leonard), AD (Anthony Davis) and others on that level, he's going to be included in every report because of who he is."

The 25-year-old's feelings about his current situation are important, for he can begin negotiating an extension with the Celtics in October. He has two years, and approximately \$60 million, left on his current contract. Durant, eight years older, has roughly \$198 million and four years left.

Brown's star is clearly on the rise. He became the first NBA player last season to sign with Donda Sports, Kanye West's sports marketing company, while also retaining Jason Glushon as his regular agent. He's a member of the Players Association's executive board, and a fresh voice in matters of social justice across all American sports.

And as the player considered 1A to Jayson Tatum's seminal position as star of the Celtics, he's the most likely

to find his way into trade rumors.

As a league executive told the Herald near the start of the trade deadline, the Celtics planned on being one of the bidders when Brooklyn started fielding offers for Durant.

At the time, the executive estimated that 20 teams would become involved in the chase, though none of the subsequent offers were enough for Nets general manager Sean Marks to pull the trigger.

Brown's name is the most significant to surface so far - Miami's best offer was reportedly a package built around Tyler Herro — but while talking to the Herald on Monday, the source surmised that the Nets are simply trying to create a market by bringing up Brown's name now.

"They're not happy with anything out there," he said of the Nets. "At the end of the day Brooklyn hasn't been able to get close to what they want for

And by the end of the summer, the Nets could find themselves in the most ironic position of all - attempting to make it work one final time with Durant, Kyrie Irving and Ben Simmons still on the roster.

YANKEES

Rojas has been waiting all year to see the Mets, but it's all love for his former team

By Kristie Ackert New York Daily News

Luis Rojas has had Tuesday night circled on his calendar since the very beginning of the season. The Mets' former manager and current Yankees third base coach will be making his first trip back to Citi Field since he was fired after just two seasons last

And there is nothing but excitement, happiness and love in his intentions when he heads over the Triborough on Tuesday afternoon.

'Obviously, it's a place that I love," said Rojas, who worked his way up through the minor league system to the majors with the Mets. "I love Queens. The fan base is unbelievable. They're so passionate. They love their team. I'm grateful. I worked there for 15 years, and I was the manager for two."

Rojas expects to get emotional seeing some familiar faces. He spent more than a decade coaching and managing in the minors, guiding many of the Mets players to the big leagues. He was thrust into the manager's job in the wake of Carlos Beltran stepping down after he was targeted in the Astros cheating scandal just weeks before spring training. Rojas managed the Mets through the pandemic-shortened 2020 season and then a 77-85 season in



Yankees third-base coach Luis Rojas, left, gets a close-up look this week at the Mets, the team he managed the past two seasons. STEVE NESIUS/AP

Now, the teams are both leading their divisions and the annual matchup, which sometimes has been lopsided, has an added spark of electricity.

"Well, I'm excited to go back just because of the series itself. Both teams are playing really, really good baseball," Rojas said. "I've paid attention to how the Mets have been playing, more so recently just because we're going to face them, so I really want to get some familiarity on what they're doing. But I've always been aware of what their record is and when news pops up and how they're playing, but now just looking up like a little

bit closer, I can see how

good of a team they are.

"The way we've played baseball the whole year, I think it's going to be a really, really interesting series. So I mean the experience before for the Subway Series ... the atmosphere at the stadium, the fans in New York coming together as one, I can see it as being really, really exciting with the teams playing like they are right now.

"So, I am really looking forward to it."

For the Yankees, who pulled out the weekend series against the Orioles with a 6-0 win on Sunday, it could be just what they need right now. They've hit their first real period of adversity with injuries – including losing Michael King for the season — and having lost eight of their last

There are games, there's series, there's things that come up within the course of the year, especially in the long grind of it, that I think are a little shot-in-the-arm series," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I think anytime you have that crosstown rivalry, those games, they add a little extra something. Like last year, we went to play in the Field of Dreams game or when we went to London. When you play a big series against a big divisional series, these are series that I think are good for us.

"But I also think where the two teams are this year, I think it'd be really good for New York City."

And ultimately managers, coaches and players know this series is all about

"Just the fans getting into it. It's always a playoff atmosphere," Aaron Judge said. "There's always a back and forth to it. You never know what's going to happen. Just the competition; they've got a great pitching staff and offense over there. And so

"So I'm looking forward to seeing what happens. Both New York teams are doing their thing. So this is going to be a fun one. Like I said, they've got a great team over there."

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies to meet Oregon in opening round of Phil Knight Invitational

By Joe Arruda Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team will play Oregon to open the Phil Knight Invitational at the Moda Center in Portland, Ore., it was

announced Monday. The game will be played Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving at 8 p.m. and will air on ESPN2 as the first game of an evening doubleheader. Alabama will play Michigan State in the second game, which is scheduled for 10:30 p.m. and will air on ESPN.

The eight-team tournament will kick off with an afternoon doubleheader,

with North Carolina playing Portland at 1 p.m., and Iowa State taking on Villanova at 3:30 p.m.

Six of the eight teams made the NCAA Tournament last year, including national championship runner-up North Carolina.

The winner of UConn-Oregon will play the winner of Alabama-Michigan State in the semifinal at 10 p.m. on Nov. 25 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

UConn is 1-1 all time against the Ducks, defeating them in the 2017 Phil Knight Invitational. The Huskies' only loss to Oregon came in the 2016 Maui Invitational.

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Auriemma's crew to face Duke during Phil Knight Legacy tournament

By Lila Bromberg Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball will start play in the 2022 Phil Knight Legacy

tournament against Duke, it was announced Monday. The Huskies and Blue Devils will face off on Nov. 25 — the day after Thanksgiving — at 5:30 p.m. at the Chiles Center in Portland, Ore. The game will air either on ESPN2 or ESPNU.

Iowa and Oregon State will play each other that same day, at 8 p.m. ET.

The winner of both games will square off in the championship game on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. ET. That contest will take place at the Moda Center, the Portland Trail Blazers' home arena, and will air on ABC. The third-place game will be at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at 10 p.m. ET and will be televised on ESPN2.

UConn is 12-3 all time against Duke. The two teams last faced in the Sweet 16 of the 2018 NCAA Tournament, when the Huskies won 72-59.

UCONN FOOTBALL

Linebacker Mitchell named to Butkus Award watch list

By Kels Dayton Sports Editor

UConn junior Jackson Mitchell has been named to the watch list for the 2022 Butkus Award, which is given annually to the nation's top college line-

The award is named after Hall of Fame former Chicago Bears linebacker Dick Butkus, who is widely considered one of the best defensive players of all

Mitchell started all 12 games for UConn last season, leading the team with 120 tackles and amassing 6.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, one interception and two pass breakups.

Mitchell also finished

fourth nationally in assisted tackles (73) and 11th in tackles per game (10).

The Ridgefield native is one of only 51 players across the country named to the award's preseason watch

He joins running back Nate Carter on the preseason awards list, as Carter was named a candidate for the Doak Walker Award, which goes annually to the nation's top running back.

The Butkus Award watch list is named by a 51-member panel of coaches, scouts and journalists. Award semifinalists are expected to be named on Oct. 31, with finalists to follow Nov. 21. The winner will be named on or before Dec. 7 and will be honored at a televised event on Jan. 21.

REGIONAL DIGEST

National youth fastpitch softball tournament opens in Windsor

The PlayFPN Summer Nationals, a youth pastpitch softball tournament for 12UB, 14U, 14UB and 16UB divisions, begins Tuesday at Fastpitch Nation Park in Windsor. The tournament brings 77 teams and more than 1,000 players to the state for the five-day event.

Teams from New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland will join teams from across Connecticut. Tournament director and host David Rocha is the owner and general manager of Fastpitch Nation Park. Rocha built and opened the 11-field facility in 2019 to accommodate the growing number of athletes who want to compete in fastpitch softball tournaments.

An opening ceremony and parade of athletes was held Monday at Quassy Amusement and Waterpark in Middlebury.

Other amenities at Fastpitch Nation Park include paved parking, LED scoreboards, covered dugouts, more than 2 acres of team warm-up space, an outdoor food court and live internet streaming of all games

played. For the PlayFPN Summer Nationals Tournament game schedule and more information, go to https://playfpn.

Sacred Heart University hires men's volleyball coach: Adam Niemczynowicz has been named men's vollevball coach at Sacred Heart University after a five-year stint at Bard College. Niemczynowicz guided Bard in the United Volleyball Conference, which is annually one of the most difficult NCAA Division III conferences. After the 2021 season was canceled, Niemczynowicz led Bard to its most wins since the 2016 campaign, finishing 8-10. In addition to his coaching duties at Bard, he served as an assistant athletic director. A native of Poland, he played NCAA Division I volleyball at Concordia College from 2001-2003, helping the Clippers to three-consecutive Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association playoff appearances and a national ranking that reached as high as No. 13. As the Pioneers transition from the EIVA to the Northeast Conference for the 2023 campaign, Niemczynowicz takes over a Sacred Heart program that went 10-17 last season, its most wins since 2017. The Pioneers return five starters, including Second Team All-EIVA selection Patrick Muche-

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OBITUARIES

Anderson, John (Jack) R.



John R. (Jack) Anderson, 85, of Clearwater, Florida (formerly of East Hartford, Ct), beloved husband of Ann Marie (Nancy Walsh) Anderson went to join our Lord on July 18th, 2022, after a short illnéss.

Jack was born in Hartford, CT on March 3, 1937, son of the late Walter A. Anderson and Marion (Barron) Anderson. Later in life he thoroughly

enjoyed the company of his stepmother Imelda (Smith) He grew up in Manchester, CT and was a graduate of Manchester High school. Jack then went on to UCONN to study music then changed directions and transferred

to Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Island where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration. Jack went to work for the Travelers Insurance Company where he enjoyed a successful career in the tax admin-

istration department for more than 30 years. The Travelers was also where Jack met the love of his life, his wife of more than 61 years, Nancy. Nancy also worked at Travelers in the legal department where they happened to meet each other in the company elevator. He served in the Army National Guard of Connecticut from December 1958 (Field Communications Crewman)

Reserves for 3 years. After living for short time in Vernon, CT, Jack became a resident of East Hartford for well over 50 years. A devout Catholic, he was a former longtime faithful communicant, Musical Director and cantor at St. Isaac Jogues R.C. Church in East Hartford and in later years transferred to St. Bartholomew Church in Manchester,

to December of 1961 and then served in the Army

In addition to his musical participation at St. Isaac Jogues, Jack's love of singing and entertainment extended to numerous other areas starting with the former Stanley Green's Night Club in Manchester in the

Jack was also called upon to sing at numerous weddings and funerals over many years for parishes, friends, and other acquaintances. He was the "go to guy" known for his professionalism and his angelic voice while singing hymns. Jack also produced, directed and starred in many variety shows at St. Isaac's as well as other par-ishes, local member clubs such as The Lions Club and schools. After rallying the troops for the performances, the shows took weeks and months of preparation and were always a hit! As a member of the Travelers Choral Club he helped direct large-scale public Christmas concerts at the Bushnell Performing Arts Center. He also served as the MC at the annual Festival of Lights on Constitution Plaza turning the "Magic Key" for the illumination of the brilliant Christmas light display.

In his retirement years, Jack and Nancy moved to Clearwater, Florida where they were snowbirds for 30 plus years. It then began an annual tradition of many family members and friends packing up to visit them in the Sunshine State.

Jack and Nancy enjoyed sunny days at the beach together as well as many visits with family to the FL theme parks and other attractions. They also traveled extensively, especially loved going on cruises and enjoyed their times in Newport, Rhode Island! Jack and Nancy immensely enjoyed rooting for the UCONN Basketball team in retirement, often in attendance at the games when the UCONN women were in town vs

the USF women's team. Jack's greatest joy was being with his family. He enjoyed being with his kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; it was what he cherished. He would always recognize every family member and was truly

interested in their lives and interests. He would often use the phrase, "this is so wonderful"!

Jack was known for being kind, generous, thoughtful, and always had kind words and a positive outlook. He would talk to everyone and through his genuine care of others garnered many different circles of friends. Nancy often said, "everyone loved Jack, but I got him!" Along with his with his wife Nancy, Jack is survived by his 3 children, John R. Anderson Jr. and his wife Marybeth of Warwick, Rhode Island, Lisa M. LeBlanc and her husband John J. LeBlanc, Jr. of Dunedin, FL and East Hartford, and Kristen E. Richardson of Cedar Grove, New Jersey, 8 cherished grandchildren, Brad Simmons and his wife Liz, Amanda Simmons, Brianna Seaback and her husband Jarred, John R. (Jack) Anderson III, Matthew LeBlanc and his wife Jess, David LeBlanc, Hallie Richardson, Sydney Richardson and 4 precious great-grandsons, Julian, Colin, Callan and Lucas, his brother-in-law Frank Loto, and many dear friends and family. Jack was predeceased by his sister, Jean Loto, his brother Robert W Anderson, his son-in-law Scott R

Richardson Services will be held at Tierney's Funeral Home in Manchester, CT from 4pm-7m on Thursday, July 28th and a Funeral Mass will be held at St. Bartholomew at 10am on Friday, July 29th. For family and friends unable to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed at live.

saintteresacatholic.org.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to a cause close to Jack's heart - St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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OBITUARIES

Angers, Russ R.



Russ Raymond Angers, 53, of Tolland, CT passed away on July 23, 2022. He was born in Bristol, CT to the late Gilles and Janet (Burneika) Angers. A lover of biking, fishing, and sports—all of which brought a smile to his face and gave him plentiful opportunities to be with the ones he loved. He is survived by his wife of

27 years, Kathie, and their three children: Josephine, Ryan, and Michael, all of Tolland, CT; his brother Glen Angers and his wife Jodi of Burlington, CT; his sister Jill Miller and her husband Ron of Bristol, CT; and many loved in-laws, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Relatives and friends may join the family on Thursday, July 28, 2022 between 3pm-7pm at the Tolland Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Merrow Road in Tolland, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 11am at St.Matthew Church,111 Tolland Green Ext., Tolland, CT. Burial will follow at St. Bernard Cemetery in Vernon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the THS Scholarship Fund and sent to Liberty Square Group, PO Box 459, Tolland, CT. 06084. With memo for the Tommy Leahy Memorial Scholarship. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuner-

alhome.com.

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Betsey, Mary E



Mary Betsey, 89, passed away on July 18, 2022. Homegoing services will be Wednesday July 27th 10 am at Holy Temple Church of God In Christ 691 Windsor Ave.

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Campanelli, Maureen (Daly)

SERVICE UPDATE

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Please join us as we celebrate Maureen on Friday, July 29th at 11:00 with a Mass of Christian Burial at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Damiecki, Iwona Marzena(Gaska)



Marzena Damiecki, 52, of New Britain, beloved wife of Boguslaw Damiecki, passed away on July 22, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Poland, she was the daughter of Cześlaw Gaska and the late Regina (Palas) Gaska. came to the United States in 2005 in search of a better life for her family. Iwona was an extremely ambitious and goal oriented person. She

wasted no time learning the English language and began her studies to become a registered nurse in America. She had been a nurse in Poland with a Master's Degree in special education but becoming registered in another country was a very difficult task. She worked tirelessly to overcome the many obstacle that stood in her way but in a short time, she became a registered nurse and would become Nursing Supervisor at Jerome Home in New Britain. She loved to spend her free time tending to her gardens and crocheting. She had a knack for making people laugh without even trying and her radiant smile and inspiring personality were hard to forget. Her proudest accomplishment was her family. She was a perfect wife, a tirelessly supportive mother and a caring, generous sister and friend who will be dearly missed by all who knew her. In addition to her husband Boguslaw and her father Czeslaw, she leaves her children; Joanna Chorazy and her husband Jarek of Farmington, her son Lukasz Damiecki and his wife Agnieszka of Southington; her sisters Elzbieta Urbanowicz and her husband Leszek, Beata Gaska-Kulesza and her husband Mirek; her brothers Zdzisław Gaska and his wife Jadwiga, Mariusz Gaska and his wife Jolanta and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves the Kuta and Damiecki families in Poland as well as many beloved cousins, friends and neighbors. She was predeceased by her mother Regina (Palas) Gaska. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, July 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church in New Britain. She will be laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery immediately following the Mass. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Burritt Hill Funeral Home, 332 Burritt St. New Britain. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Dill , Barbara



Barbara Frances (Bragdon) Dill, 90, of East Haddam, beloved husband of Frederick R. on Thursday July 21st at Middlesex Hospice. Born April 8, 1932 in Hartford she was the daughter of the late Norman and Erma (Lenentine) Bragdon. Barbara was a 1950 graduate of Nathan Hale Ray High School and had a career

with S.N.E.T. Barbara was very active in the Bethlehem with S.N.E.T. Barbara was very active in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton. Barbara was an avid knitter and quilter, she enjoyed bowling and reading and loved bird watching. She also enjoyed Square dancing and Polka dancing. Besides her husband she is survived by her two daughters Cynthia Dill of East Haddam, Judy Dill of Stafford Springs, a sister Louise Sisson of FL, three granddaughters Jessica Leeza, Michelle Panciera and Jennifer Simpson and seven great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son Peter Dill, two sisters Betty Ann Johnson, Nancy

Carlson, and her grandson Christopher Schiebel.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday August 2nd at 11:00AM in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton. Burial will be private in the family plot in Waterhole Cemetery. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Duncan, Robert N.



Robert N. Duncan, 87, husband of Margaret Dooley-Duncan of Simsbury, passed away peacefully, Saturday, July 23, 2022, at home. Born in New York, son of the late Norman and Francis (Smith) Duncan, he lived many years in California before moving to Granby for over forty years and then Simsbury since 2014. He earned his BS in Metallurgy

from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1955 and spent his professional career of over forty years managing or performing nuclear materials development for Westinghouse. General Electric, and retiring from ABB Combustion Engineering. He did consulting work after retiring. He published and presented more than thirty papers as sole or principal author on nuclear materials research, development, and testing. Besides his wife Margaret, he is survived by a stepdaughter Megan J. Matulewicz and her husband Steven of NH and their son Tristan Matulewicz. He was predeceased by his first wife Winifred Edith Duncan. Private Services will be held for his family. Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. To leave condolences for his family please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Deren, Anne Marie (Scheidel)

Anne Marie Loretta (Scheidel) Deren of New London, CT, widow of Dr. Michael Deren, passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Anne Marie was born February 15, 1942 to Annie and George J. Scheidel Jr. of Burlington CT. Anne Marie was educated at Burlington Consolidated School and graduated from Farmington High School. During her years in high school, she lettered in field hockey and softball. She spent some of her high school summers at music camp and was in high school concerts with her beautiful voice. For two years she was in the All Connecticut Chorus. Anne Marie received her R.N. degree from Middlesex Memorial Hospital. Soon after, she began her career at Hartford Hospital. This is where she met her future husband Michael and they were married in 1976. Eventually they moved to New London, where they made their home and Michael started his medical practice. Afterwards, Anne Marie worked part time and became involved with several charities. But her main concentration was being supportive of her husband and creating a nice life for both of them. Throughout the years, she and Michael traveled and experienced many wonderful things and met many interesting people.

Anne Marie leaves her sister Elizabeth Scheidel of Burlington to mourn her passing. She also leaves many cousins and friends who will miss her dearly. She was very generous to all who knew her. Anne Marie always remembered birthdays, anniversaries and kept in contact with everyone. She touched so many lives. A much appreciated thank you to the many friends who checked on her and helped her, especially in the last

Anne Marie was a communicant of St. Joseph Church, New London. St. Joseph School was very important to her and so in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Joseph School, 25 Squire St. New London, CT 06320. There will be no calling hours. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, 145 Main St., Unionville, CT at 11am on Thursday July 28, 2022. Anne Marie's wish was to come home to Burlington. She will be buried privately in Burlington Center Cemetery at a later date. The Ahern Funeral Home in Unionville is taking care of arrangements. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Horta, Jose



Horta, Newington passed away on Saturday, July 23,2022. Jose was born on November 30, 1936 in Serra do Bouro, Portugal. The son of the late Francisco Horta and the late Piedade Maria Horta. He immigrated to America in 1968 and settled in Nashua NH, later in 1968 moved to Hartford, CT. He worked at

Tilcon Tomasso until his retirement in 1996. spent his lifetime enjoying his family, including grandchildren and great grandchildren. He frequently returned to Portugal to visit with childhood friends and family and enjoyed the view of the beach from his recliner in Sao Martinho do Porto and to watch his beloved Benfica. He is preceded by his wife of 56 years Leonor Horta and his grandson Cody Horta. He is survived by his two sons, Tony Horta and his wife Gina, Paul Horta and his wife Robin, sister Maria Horta, brother Joaquim Horta and sister Ilda Pereira, two brothers in laws Carlos Do Nasicmento and his wife Maria, Jose Tomas and his wife Ema. He will be greatly missed by his six grandchildren, Talia Horta, Jonelle Horta, Chelsea Fragoso, Tyler Horta, Zachary Horta and Gabriella Horta, four great-grandchildren, Aryanna Horta and Julian Horta, Samaya Garcia and Mason Horta. He will also be greatly missed by his niece Carla Zahner, and nephews Jorge Tomas, Jose Horta, Silvino Horta and Virgilio Horta, as well as his many great nephews and nieces. A loving and dedicated husband, father, brother-in-law, uncle, grandfather, great grandfather, godfather, cousin and friends he will be dearly missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, (July 27), 11:00 am at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 50 Kane Street. Fatima Square, Hartford, CT 06106. Entombment will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford. Calling hours are prior to the funeral from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110, In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Our Lady Fatima Church. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Louise, Landry

Louise Landry of New Britain passed away peacefully Thursday July 14, 2022 at the age of 70. New Britain Memorial Sagarino Funeral Home is handling

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Clisham, Joseph Ronald



Joseph Ronald Clisham, "Ronnie," of Glastonbury, returned home to his Heavenly Father on July 22, 2022. Ron was born on August 14, 1942, in Pittston, Pennsylvania, son of the late Paul and Kathyn (Carey) Clisham, formerly of Naugatuck. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Paul and Kathyrn (Carey) Clisham, formerly of Naugatuck. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Margie (Keka) Clisham; his daughter, Kristin Clisham Fowler and her husband, Michael; his son, Joseph Ronald Clisham, Jr. and his wife Allison (Dahle) Clisham; his daughter, Katey Clisham Caruolo and her husband, Michael, and eight grandchildren: Mikey, Joey, and Kathryn Fowler, Zack, Caleigh, Torey and Nicholas Caruolo, and Olivia Clisham. He also leaves his dear caregiver, Maame Tawiah Darko, of Ghana. Ron was the youngest of fifteen children. He leaves behind his brother, William "Billy" Clisham and his wife, Dorie of Hawaii; his sister, Mercedes "Cedy" Fredsall of Wolcott, and countless nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings Stephen, Patrick "Buddy", Paul "Carey", Anita, Joan, Jackie, Briday "Bry", Tommy, John "Deacon", Mary, Bruce, Ned and many loving family members and dear friends who were there to greet him at the gates of Heaven.

Ron graduated from Fairfield University, where he majored in English and set a school record for hitting the longest home run at the time, in June of 1964. He married the love of his life, Margie, five days later. He began his career as an English teacher at East Catholic High School in Manchester, then went into the world of business, co-owning the former American Lighting Center. He worked in sales for Baldwin Stewart, DualLite, Therma Ray and AllFlex where he quickly climbed the corporate ladder. He soon became the Vice President of International Sales for American Flexible Conduit, where he traveled to the Pacific Rim multiple times. In 1987 Ron once again became his own boss, opening CT Self Stor, one of the first self storage businesses in Connecticut. He was known to use the expression "if you do what you love to do, you will never work a day in your life" when talking about career choices with his grandchildren, and it was here that this came to fruition for Ron. He "worked" every day, most recently side by side with his son, J.R. He would tell people that the best thing that ever happened to his business was when his son came to work with him. Today, Ron's grandsons Mikey and Joey work for the company as well, carrying on Ron's business legacy. business legacy.

Ron had three great loves: God, his family, and golf. He was a man of great faith and lived his life accordingly. He never took a thing for granted and thanked God for every opportunity He gave him to live his best life. He loved his neighbor and demonstrated this daily. Without God, Ron knew nothing was possible. And only with God was anything possible. He taught his children that life is not supposed to be perfect, and there is always something to be grateful for. Ron often said that he "won the lottery", referring to his grandchildren, his children, and his beloved wife. He credits his parents and his wonderful Irish family for giving him life, love and the family values that made him who he was. And while Ron loved golf, especially the day he had his first hole-in-one at Myrtle Beach, nothing made him prouder than playing in father-daughter and father-son tournaments at Ellington Ridge Country Club with Kristin prouder than playing in father-daughter and father-son tournaments at Ellington Ridge Country Club with Kristin,

Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury on Thursday July 28 from 4-6pm. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday July 29 at 10am in Ss Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to VITAS Community Connection.org (Hospice in Glastonbury) https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E232399&id=1

or to St Jude Children's Hospital https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=wtg-lz-donatenow. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Goldberg, Louis H



Louis H. Goldberg, 96, of West Hartford, beloved husband of Marilyn for 73 years, died Saturday, July 23rd. Lou's accomplishments were myriad. Amongst many other things, he was a proud and patriotic veteran, an aviator, fitness devotee, fun loving, competitive golfer and highly successful businessman. First and foremost, though, he was a loving husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Lou was liked by all and deeply loved by his family. He will be remembered for his extraordinary goodness, laughter, song, and constant optimism. He was a devoted husband who always put Marilyn first in his thoughts and actions. His memory will be cherished by his wife, son, David with Suzanne, daughter, Sharon, with Pimi, his grandchildren, Marcia, Sandy with Wagner, Becky with Jon, Lisa, Mimi, and Jonny with Meredith, also, his three great grandchildren, Gal, Benjamin and Nathan as well as brother Perry with Linda. He was predeceased by his father, Isaac, mother, Mollie, brothers Charlie and Luzzy and sister Sarah. Also, by his son Stewart, daughter Merle, cherished in-laws Sam and Anna Nassau and great granddaughter

Madison. A private graveside service was Monday, July 25th. There will be no shiva or calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to Beth El Temple 2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

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LeBouthillier, Joseph "Red"



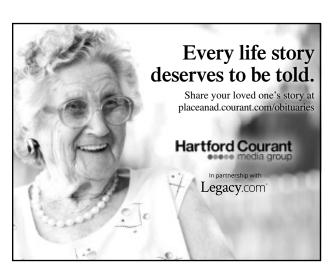
Joseph "Red" LeBouthillier, aged 84, of Unionville passed away peacefully on July 23rd surrounded by loved ones. Son of John and Emily Duguay LeBouthillier, Joseph was born in Hartford, CT, and moved with his family to Unionville where he attended Union School and Farmington

High School. Known to all as "Red" for his red hair, he was a star high school basketball player and served his country in the Naval Reserves for 8 years. His first job was as a shoeshine boy in downtown Hartford and he spent 32 years at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford as an industrial firefighter. Red loved teaching, gardening, cooking, woodworking, and building projects large and small. He excelled at being a Dad and Grandpa, fixing and restoring antiques and vintage pianos, and playing all kinds of sports. Giving back to his community was very important to him as he volunteered for many clubs and non-profits including the 4H Club, Unionville Lions, Farmington Food Pantry, American Cancer Society, and the Unionville Museum. He was a CT state hunter safety instructor and for over 20 years coached skills in four sports for the CT Special Olympics who gave him one of their first lifetime coaching awards. Red loved "making memories" with his family, spending summers at the beach in Old Lyme, vacations to Disney World, and traveling to all parts of Canada. He always shared his gifts, lived in the moment, and always put his family and friends first.

Red is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 63 years Pátricia Labadia LeBouthillier, daughter Cynthia Long and husband Robert, son Patrick LeBouthillier and wife Corrine, and son Timothy LeBouthillier; five grandchildren Rachel Monrad, Mitchel and Tara Long, Isabella and Michael LeBouthillier; three great grandchildren Maddison, Ella-Sandra, and Gabriel Monrad; brother-in-law Richard Labadia and wife MaryAnn, sister-in-law Margie Stavola; nephews Matthew and Patrick Labadia, and Raymond, John, Thomas, Robert and James LeBoutheller, and niece Linda Wemmel. The family wishes to thank the staff at the Avon Health Center for taking such good care of him in his final days.

Friends and family may call at the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, 145 Main St., Unionville on Saturday (July 30) from 9:00-10:00am followed by the Funeral Liturgy at 10:00am. Burial will be private. Memorial gifts may be made in his honor to the Unionville Lions Club, 87 West Avon Road, Unionville, CT 06085, or Special Olympics Farmington Valley, P.O. Box 603, Milldale, CT 06467. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Millane, Albert L.

Albert L. Millane of Bozrah, widower of Evelyn (Kocarnik) Millane, passed away on July 24, 2022 at his home. Born in Hartford on Nov. 6, 1924, (during a blizzard), he was the son of late Albert and Mildred (Harrigan) Millane. Albert lived in Hartford, South Windsor, Southbury, Chaplain, Niantic, and Salem before moving to Montville in 1995 and most recently to Bozrah. He was a graduate of Hartford High School and the State Police Academy in Meriden. He worked for the City of Hartford Park Dept. and the State of Conn, DEP, Park Division, having been Park Manager at Gay City Park in Hebron, Kettletown State Park in Southbury, Mansfield Hollow Park in Mansfield, and Rocky Neck State Park in Niantic. He retired in 1985. He was also an accomplished musician, playing sax and clarinet in various bands for many years, starting in high school. He played with Ivan White, Bobby Kaye, the Campus Club and the K of C orchestras. He played at the Old Colts Park Shell, the Hotel Bond in Hartford with the Paul Landerman Orchestra and for the USO during WWII. Most recently, he played with the Nutmeg Foxtrot Jazz Band, the String of Pearls, The George Manston Band, and The Tuxedo Junction Jazz Band, the latter four bands being in the shoreline area. He also played the organ. Albert was noted for his wit, humor, and compassion. He was an avid bird watcher and an advocate of wild life, and animal life in general, most especially for the six canines he had over the years. He leaves several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made to the Conn. Humane Society, Waterford branch, 169 Old Colchester Rd, Quaker Hill, CT 06375. Funeral services will be held privately, according to his wishes. Burial will be private. The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

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Peele, John C.



John C. Peele, Jr., 82, of Ellington, CT passed away on July 21, 2022. He was born on June 3, 1940 in Bennettsville, SC to the late John Peele and Virginia (Quick) Poole. He opened Peele's Barber Shop in Rockville, CT with his wife Sharon in 1958 and was a fixture of the community until he retired in 2004. He enjoyed spending his time

restoring his 1964 Pontiac GTO's. He loved fishing, Crystal Lake, flea markets and NASCAR. He spent many summers with his family at his second home in East Dover, Vermont. He is survived by his son Shane Peele and his wife Dianna of Wales, MA, his daughter Shannon Wesson and her husband Eric of Monson, MA, his grandchildren Daniel Wesson and Morgan Wesson, his brother Jim Poole and his wife Annemarie of Boston, GA. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his wife Sharon (Bartlett) Peele. He was always the entertainment..."Unbelievansin." Relatives and friends may join the family on Sunday, July 31, 2022 between 1pm-4pm at the Burke Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect Street, Rockville, CT. A Graveside Service will take place on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 10am at Grove Hill Cemetery in Vernon, CT. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Our Companions Animal Rescue & Sanctuary 46 Floeting Road Ashford, CT 06278 For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Finch, Jr., Frank H.



It is with great sorrow that his family announces the passing of brother, husband, father, and dear friend, Frank Herschel Finch, Jr., the evening of July 23, 2022, at Jóhn Dempsey UConn Farmington, Hospital, Connecticut, from complications of Parkinson's disease, after a fall and brief illness.

Mr. Finch was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1933. His family soon moved to Urbana, Illinois when his father obtained a teaching job at the University of Illinois (where the elder Mr. Finch would go on to become the longtime Dean of the Graduate School of Education). Frank H. Finch, Jr. received his high-school education at University Laboratory High School (affectionately known as Uni High) in Úrbana, Illinois which he attended with his younger brother John. Mr. Finch participated in high school theater and played varsity basketball (in his senior year, 1948-49, the team went 4-17). At the age of 16, Mr. Finch then attended Harvard College, obtaining a B.A. degree, cum laude, in 1953. He married and spent the next three years of active duty as a Naval Air Intelligence Officer, stationed primarily in and around the Pacific Ocean. After Naval service, Mr. Finch attended Harvard Law School earning his law degree in 1959. He was admitted to practice before the state courts of Connecticut in August of 1959 and joined the law firm of Howd & Lavieri, LLP in Winsted, Connecticut that same year. Highlights of his legal career include admission to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut and before the United States Supreme Court. He served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Connecticut state courts on a part time basis from 1961 until 1978. Mr. Finch was also a member of the American Bar Association and represented Connecticut in its House of Delegates for many years. Starting in 1959, Mr. Finch was very active in the Connecticut Bar Association, serving as its President from 1998 to 1999. Mr. Finch also served as President of the Litchfield County Bar Association and was a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. In his Winsted-based practice at Howd, Lavieri and Finch, LLP, Mr. Finch represented a wide variety of clients with a special interest in corporate and business law. He was a Connecticut Trial Referee and starting in 1987, Mr. Finch served as Chairman of the Litchfield County Standing Committee on Recommendation for Admission to the Bar. In 2000, Mr. Finch was appointed to the Chief Justice's Civil Commission, and in 2001 to the Federal Court Grievance Committee. Mr. Finch's

7 decades. Mr. Finch also held a variety of leadership positions in service to the Northwest Connecticut community, as a director, officer, or trustee of numerous charitable and business organizations. For example, he was a director of the Northwest Connecticut Economic Development Corporation, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest YMCA, Vice Chairman of the Regional Advisory Council of Northwest Connecticut Community College, Chairman of the Board of Winsted Memorial Hospital, and Vice Chairman of the Litchfield County University Club. For more than 50 years, Mr. Finch was an active member of the Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas (he was delighted when his mother, then in her eighties, and his adult son, could both participate, as judges, of the annual Rotary Pet Parade). Often recognized for his contributions to the community, Mr. Finch was named Chamber Person of the Year on two separate occasions, and he was named a Paul business organizations. For example, he was a director

active tenure at Howd, Lavieri and Finch, LLP spanned

on two separate occasions, and he was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club. Together with Louise Osborne, his loving wife of almost 40 years, Mr. Finch traveled the world, visiting Europe countless times, Africa, Egypt, South America, and the Caribbean islands. Frank and Louise hosted many political and charitable fundraisers at their beautiful Simsbury home, Finborne. Invites to their legendary Christmas parties were one of the most sought-after invitations of the year. As they grew older, their home at Finborne became their sanctuary.

In addition to his legal partners, employees, clients and many friends (especially those with whom he shared many escapades and adventures, including Eddie Garcia and Elaine Galloway, Bill Harding, and the late George Demars), Mr. Finch will be missed by the surviving members of the Gin and Chowder Club (Mr. Finch was a regular guest of the Club for over 50 years), fans of his puns (a loyal and highly-tolerant group), as well as those who knew him from his vacation home in Freeport, Grand Bahamas.

Mr. Finch is survived by his devoted wife, Louise Osborne, his brother, John Finch of Sarasota, Florida. two children, Frank H. Finch III (known as Randy) and daughter Lani Finch, loving step-children Susan Osborne, Tim Reed, and Joseph and Shelley Osborne, step-grandson RJ Osborne, and his wife Katie, and two great-grandsons, Cannon and Oakley. Mr. Finch was predeceased by his step-granddaughter, Nichole Osborne.

In keeping with the Rotary motto, service above self, Mr. Finch has graciously donated his remains to the Yale Medical School "Body Donation Program."

In the coming weeks, there will be a memorial celebration of his glorious life for family and friends. The family recommends memorial contributions be made in Mr. Finch's memory, either to the Torrington-Winsted Rotary Fund at Northwest Community Foundation, P. O. Box 1144, Torrington, CT 06790, or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014

Condolences may be sent to Mr. Finch's family by visiting www.cookfuneralhomect.com

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Quiroga, Joseph A.



Joseph Alexander Quiroga (Sr.), 42 of Bristol, passed unexpectedly' away Wednesday July 20, 2022. Joseph was born on June 13, 1980 in Hartford, the son of Alfredo C. and Minerva (Martinez) Quiroga. He was a US Army National Guard veteran and a construction foreman. In addition to his parents of Hartford, he is survived by

his wife Sandra (Lorenzo) Quiroga of Bristol and their children, Celines, Joseph Jr. and Mia; his sister Ilka Lorraine Lopez Miller and her husband Garin; his brother Timothy Quiroga and his wife Jackeline along with many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was with many aunts, uncies, nieces and nepnews. He was predeceased by his brothers Carlos Torres (Sr.) and Alfredo Quiroga, Jr. Calling hours and funeral services will be held at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol on Friday, July 29, 2022 from 9:30am to 11:30am followed by a procession to State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT for the burial with military honors at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation to the family at www.gofundme.com, by his name - Joseph Quiroga. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Joseph's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome. com



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Lagasse, Glenn J.

Glenn John Lagasse Sr., 60, passed away peacefully at his home in South Glastonbury on July 23, surrounded by his family, after his 21-month fearless battle with glioblastoma. He will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife Cheryl Lagasse who was his devoted partner and care-

giver, his son Glenn Lagasse
Jr., his daughter and son-inlaw Taryn and Gregory Ganci and his granddaughter
Eloise Ganci. He also will be remembered by his loving parents John and Jean Lagasse, his sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Jim Daigle, his brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Christine Lagasse, his brothers and sis-ters-in-law, Jim and Elizabeth Goodman and Bill and Patty Ferris, his nieces and nephews, Amy and Scott Lambeck and their children Maddie and Everett, Kerry, Cody and Riley Daigle, Shawn Lagasse, Ryan Lagasse, Olivia Goodman, Sam Goodman and Erin Ferris, his dog and faithful companion, Molly, his granddog Charlie, his grandkitties Snow White and Aslan, and many other dear family members, friends and neighbors. He is predeceased by his father and mother-in-law, William and Linda Ferris.

Glenn was born on March 9, 1962 in Hartford, CT where he lived and grew up until his family moved to East Hartford in 1973. He graduated from George J. Penney High School and played hockey for a regional high school team. Glenn met the love of his life Cheryl in 1980. They married in 1983 and the two settled in

Glenn had a love for working with his hands as well as being around and helping others. As a young man he started his career in construction where he had obvious natural talents, but also decided to join the fire services as a volunteer firefighter in Company #1 in Glastonbury. He then became a firefighter at Brainard Airport and soon transferred to Bradley International Airport as a Crash Rescue Firefighter where he was later promoted to Captain. During his time as Captain, he earned the love and respect, he mutually felt from what he considered his second family. He retired from Bradley Airport Fire Department in 2006 to spend more time with his family and later started his own construction business.

Glenn was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend. He was known for his friendliness, animated story telling, great smile, sense of humor and infectious laugh, his warm but quiet presence, an impressive garage and shed with every tool and piece of equipment imaginable, and being able to build or fix just about anything - which was a lifelong

. He spent his life doing everything for everyone - coaching his kids' sports teams and then being at every one of their games, rebuilding car engines, building a log home for his parents, building beautiful homes and doing other projects for his family and friends, and saving countless lives during his 23 years in the fire service. He had a love for spending time with his family and dogs, being with his new granddaughter Eloise, grilling, red wine, animals of all kinds, cars, taking drives in his Corvette with Cheryl, the Dallas Cowboys, the Montreal Canadiens, the Boston Red Sox, watching NASCAR with his son Glenny, going to Daytona with friends to watch races, trips to New York City, Cape Cod and Florida with Cheryl and their closest friends, and just doing simple things every day to bring his wife and children happiness. He also had great respect for first responders, nurses, veterans, and members of the armed forces and contributed faithfully to The Wounded Warrior Project.

Glenn was not afraid to take on any challenge, big or small. He battled glioblastoma in true fire fighter and Glenn fashion – without fear. He is remembered by his family as a "hero" in so many ways, and will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to get to know him

The family would like to thank the staff at Dana Farber and Hartford Hospital for their support and care for

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday August 1 at 10am at Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish at Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 1318 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury, CT. Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave. on Sunday July 31 from 2-4pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Peluso, Pasqualina Sanzo



time resident of West Hartford, and loving wife to the late Antonio Peluso, peacefully passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022 at her home. She was born in Sepino, Italy, Province of Campobasso, one of five children to the late Giuseppe and Domenica Piacente Sanzo. She and Antonio were married

📉 in October of 1955. The family immigrated to the United States April 6, 1966, settling in West Hartford.

Pasqualina was a hard worker, starting her career at Royal Typewriter, then Wiremold, ultimately becoming employed by the Town of West Hartford where she was a cook for many years at Conard High School, retiring in September 2007 to remain at home and care for her loving husband Antonio. She loved to knit, crochet, and tend to her garden, most especially caring for all her grandchildren. She was also well known for her wonderful homemade pasta sauce and cavatelli.

Pasqualina will be dearly missed and forever remembered by her loving family; two sons with their wives, Carmine & Janice Peluso, of Higganum, and Mario & Kim Peluso of McCormick, SC; two daughters, Christine Page of East Hartford and Santina & Ryan Longo of Hebron; a sister, Giovanna Iamartino, and brother Vito Antonio Sanzo and their spouses in Italy. In addition, she leaves twelve adored grandchildren with their spouses, Lindsay & Gary, Michael & Kara, Carleigh & Rob, Ashley & Daniel, Sarah & Nathan, Ryan, Laurie, Stephanie, Taylor, Jordin, and Michaela; seven cherished greatgrandchildren, Jake, Colin, Ryen, Leo, Audrey, Blake, and Sophia; many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, in the US, Italy, and Canada. Along with and nephews, in the US, Italy, and Canada. Along with her husband Antonio, Pasqualina was pre-deceased by her siblings, Luigi Sanzo and Antoniella D'Anello; a sonin-law, Roger Page, and a granddaughter Jennifer Page. Friends and relatives may pay their respects to the Peluso family, Wednesday, July 27, from 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in St. Brigid Church of St. Gianna Parish, 1088 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. Interment next to Antonio will follow the Mass in Rose Hill Memorial Park (Section 25) 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit desopofuneralchapel.com. desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Rosenberg, Michele Lynn (Breit)

Michele Rosenberg, 79, of West Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2022, in Boston, MA following a hard-fought battle with cancer.

She is survived by daughter Bonnie and her husband Joseph of Dallas, TX, son Lewis and his wife Judi of Westborough, MA, and beloved grandson Evan. She was predeceased by her sister Leona Kraus.

Michele was born in Chicago, graduated from Northwestern University, and worked for Social Security for over 25 years. Michele was known for her sense of humor and her love of music, theater, reading and travel. She was an accomplished artist in sculpture and pastels and sang alto in the Beth El Temple Choir for many years. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her children and doting on her grandson.

A graveside funeral service will be held on July 26th at 11 am at the Beth El Temple Cemetery, 51 Jackson St. in Avon, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Cantor's Music Fund at Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT, or the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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Nemergut, Gregory V.



Gregory V. Nemergut of West Hartford, Connecticut died suddenly on Wednesday (July 14, 2022). Greg was born on November 17, 1959 in Bridgeport, CT. He was the son of Vincent and Annette (Ferrio) Nemergut who grounded him in his Catholic faith. Residing in Lordship, CT, he attended Fairfield Prep High School. His Lordship friends can attest to

how cool Greg (Gut) was as they spent many evenings in his 70's basement complete with drum set and pool table. A graduate of Fordham University, Greg (Jarvis) met his Fordham crew and added to his amazing group of friends. He worked for IBM for 15 years in sales starting in Erie, PA and continuing his journey to Chicago, IL where he also earned an MBA at Loyola Chicago University. Greg (Goot) had many friends in Chicago. He played pick up basketball, attended Cubs and Bulls games concerts and loyed all that Chicago and Bulls games, concerts and loved all that Chicago had to offer. He also completed the Chicago Marathon. He won over a fan for life when he met his wife Darnel at IBM. Their friendship blossomed into a beautiful when through love of first division when the control of the division when the control of the division when the control of the division was the control of the division when the control of the division was the control of the division when the control of the division was the control of the division when the control of the division was the division wa at IBM. Their friendship blossomed into a beautiful union through love of food, wine, music and each other for 28 years. Greg and Darnel married in Chicago in 1997 and continued their journey to West Hartford, CT where Greg bought West Side Wines & Spirits. It was a dream of his to own a business and if you had the good fortune to talk with Greg about wine, you would always come away with a great story and an excellent selection. Greg was an unassuming philanthropist and provided support to multiple causes. Greg and Darnel were blessed with two amazing boys: Vincent Lloyd Nemergut, 21 who will be a senior at Bryant University and Matthew Alexander Nemergut, 19 who will be a and Matthew Alexander Nemergut, 19 who will be a junior at UMASS Amherst Isenberg School of Business. Greg was a devoted father and husband. His most treasured time was with family and friends - cooking a meal, coaching a team, watching all things sports on TV and sometimes yelling at the Red Sox, Celtics and Green Bay Packers. His faithful furry buddy, Capone was rescued from the CT Humane Society and brought joy to Greg. Upon selling his business August 2020, Greg embraced each day with all of us. In addition to his wife and children, his sister Grace Letts, husband Don Letts and nieces Honor and Liberty

of London and his brother Mark Nemergut of VA, survive Greg.

Greg's passion for life started with a slow beat and always ended as a crescendo with animation on any topic. His presence was felt when he walked in the room with arms open.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Peter Claver Church at 11:00 a.m. Saturday August 13, 2022 in West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CT Humane Society, World Central Kitchen or the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www. SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Senechal, Richard J

Richard Joseph Senechal, 82, of Canton, Connecticut, passed away June 2, 2022, surrounded by his loved passed away June 2, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones. Richard was predeceased by his wife, Mary Jane (Carlson) Senechal, with whom he loved to travel, golf and spend time with their family. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Richard is also predeceased by his parents Ferdinand and Rhea Senechal of Fall River, Massachusetts; and siblings, Bobby, Maurice, Albert and Vivian Senechal

Albert and Vivian Senechal.
Richard is survived by his son, Richard Joseph Senechal II, and his wife, Judith, of South Glastonbury, Connecticut; and his daughter, Amie Bowden, and her husband, Brian, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts.
Richard was the proud grandfather of five grandsons;

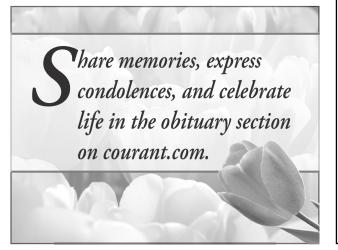
Allen Senechal and his wife, Lindsey, Frank Senechal and his wife Yanira, and Richard Senechal, all of Connecticut; and Daniel and Matthew Bowden, of Massachusetts. Richard is also survived by his brother, Ronald Senechal of Swansea, Massachusetts, and sister Lorraine Cabral of Somerset, Massachusetts. Services will be held privately.

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Sidell, Robert "Bubba"

Robert "Bubba" Sidell, 61 years old, passed away on July 24, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Robert was the son of the late Walter Sidell, Sr., and Helen Larsek Sidell. He was born in Middletown and was a lifelong resident of East Haddam. He was a graduate of Hale Ray High School and Middlesex Community College. "Bubba" was previously employed with Moodus Lumber Co. and was a lifelong member of the St. Joseph Polish Society in Colchester. Robert was predeceased by his partner, Patty Wood and his brother, Walter "Butch" Sidell. He is survived by his brother and best friend, Richard is survived by his brother and best friend, Richard Sidell of Moodus, sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Robert Dean of Hadlyme. "Bubba" will be warmly remembered for his kind and gentle spirit and for his giving heart as big as his stature. A funeral liturgy will be held Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Bridget Kildare Church, Moodus. Burial will follow at St. Bridget Cemetery. Family and friends may gather prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Bridget of Kildare Church. Those who wish may send memorial . Kildare Church. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to the East Haddam Ambulance Assoc., P.O. Box 17, Moodus, CT 06469. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Scherban, Phyllis J. (Malachowski)



Phyllis J. (Malachowski) Scherban, 95, of Newington, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2022. She was the beloved wife of the late Marco Scherban. Born in Springfield, MA, daughter of the late Walter and Lena (Chmielewski) Malachowski, she was a Newington resident since 1964 and a parishioner of St. Mary's Church. Phyllis retired

from Michael's Jewelers after many years of employment. She enjoyed polka dancing and traveling with her husband. She also enjoyed gardening and traveling with her husband. She also enjoyed gardening and cooking. Above all, she loved to care for her late son Todd, and stayed involved with his special needs community. Phyllis leaves her son Mark P. Scherban of the Philippines, and many nieces and nephews, including Claudia Denze and her husband Ron of Southington, and their son Justin McCormick and his wife Mui of and their son Justin McCormick and his wife Mui of Middletown, whom all cared for Phyllis. She was predeceased by her son Todd, her sister Wanda Marszal and her brothers, Henry, Walter and Morris Malachowski. A Mass of Christian Burial for Phyllis and Todd will be held on Friday, July 29th, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington. They will be laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery. Memorial donations may be to the Newington Senior Center, 120 Cedar St #2665, Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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York, Kristine McNamara



Kristine (McNamara) York, 53, of Middletown, loving wife of the late Michael York, passed away on Friday, July 22, 2022. Born in Hartford, she was a daughter of the late James McNamara and Theresa (Balczuk) McNamara. Kristine and was a graduate of the University of Connecticut and

worked for Barings as an Assistant Director of Client Services. She loved music and dancing with her whisk Services. She loved music and dancing with her whisk microphone, golfing, swimming, playing cards and settling into a cooking show on HGTV. She was a loving and devoted wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She leaves her mother Terry McNamara of Avon; her brother David McNamara and his girlfriend Diane Madore of Wallingford; his sister Karen Nista and her husband Paul of West Hartford; her nieces and nephews, Patrick Nista and his girlfriend Amanda Bocchetta and her son Jayce; Christopher Nista; Praisley McNamara and her son Greyson; Karah McNamara and her husband Michael Wozniak and their daughters Maddie and Beverly; Cal McNamara and his wife Emily; and her step-son Bryan York. In addition to her late husband step-son Bryan York. In addition to her late husband Michael whom she loved dearly, she was predeceased by her father James McNamara. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, July 29th at 10:00 a.m. DIRECTLY at St. Mary's Church in Newington followed by interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave. in Newington. To share a memory with her family, please visit www. duksa net duksa.net.



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